

GENERAL WEYGAND ORDERS CENSUS OF JEWS IN ALGERIA

VICHY, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Acting upon instructions from Vichy, General Maxim Weygand today ordered a census of all Jews in Algeria. The census is to start on September 1, and must be concluded within ten days. The 111,000 Jews in Algeria will have their identification documents stamped with the letter "J" as in occupied France.

Pierre Fucheu, Vichy's new Minister of the Interior, today publicly condemned the bomb outrages against synagogues in Marseille, Vichy and Nice. It has been established that the explosions in the synagogues were the work of an anti-Semitic movement.

"The placing of bombs in synagogues was done with a view to compromise the anti-Jewish measures which our government wishes to carry out legally and without violence," Fucheu declared in a public statement.

More than 9,000 refugees, the majority of them Jews, are now interned in French camps in North Africa. The largest camp, with 4,500 internees, is Canton de Boghari. The camps are surrounded by barbed wire and the internees fear the possibility of being sent to the Sahara desert for construction of the Trans-Sahara railroad.

JAPAN TO PROCLAIM NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS

TOKYO, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Though the number of Jews in Japan is rather insignificant, the Japanese press today reports that the authorities have set September 7th as the inauguration day for a nation-wide anti-Jewish campaign.

Anti-Jewish meetings will be held throughout Japan on that day for the purpose of acquainting the Japanese with the fact that the Jews are the enemies of the entire world." From that day on no Japanese will be permitted to shake hands with a Jew, while entrance of Jews to public places will be prohibited. The campaign against the Jews will, according to the press, be conducted by the Japanese anti-spy federation.

GESTAPO ARRESTS WHOLE JEWISH POPULATION IN NORWEGIAN CITY

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- All Jewish inhabitants of Tromsø, Northern Norway, have been arrested by the Gestapo and sent to hard labor, it was reliably reported here today.

The Jews, including school children, were driven through the town on small cars. A teacher, H. Jordafald, who asked the Gestapo to release the Jewish school children, was himself arrested "for having the audacity to intervene for Jews."

Simultaneously, it is reported from Oslo that members of the Quisling Party there have attacked a number of Jewish stores and smashed the windows of the Jewish stationery store "Petit Art" and of Jewish firms of Alf Lewin and John Heranowski. The attacks were coupled with raids by Quislingist groups on Jewish homes for the purpose of "searching," during which they stole many valuables.

AGUDAS ISRAEL WILL BE GUIDED BY WISHES OF BRITISH IN SENDING FOOD PARCELS TO POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- The problem of whether the Agudas Israel organization in the United States should continue to act as agent for sending food parcels to Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland will, in the future, be guided entirely by the wishes of the British authorities in Washington, it was announced here today by the Agudah World Executive.

In making its announcement, the Agudah Executive expressed regret over the fact that the Joint Boycott Council of New York which insisted that the Agudas Israel discontinue sending food packages to Jews in Nazi-held territories, "has made a national issue of a problem which was on the verge of amicable settlement."

The Executive of the Agudah claims that it has been proven that the food parcels have reached the individuals for whom they were intended and have thus helped to alleviate distress of starving Jews in Poland.

CANADA GRANTS VISAS TO EIGHTY POLISH RABBIS STRANDED IN JAPAN

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Eighty Polish rabbis stranded in Japan, have been granted Canadian visas, it was learned today by the Polish Government here.

Special efforts were exerted by Polish Jewish organizations to secure these visas in view of the increasing tension in the Pacific, and in view of the reported anti-Semitic tendencies of the Japanese Government.

Vaad Leumi Discusses Palestine Situation

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- A plenary session of the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council of Palestine, met today to discuss the various problems facing Palestine at the present time, and also the participation of Jews in the war effort.

The session decided to arrange for a large mass meeting with a view towards stimulating further Jewish enlistment in the British forces. The Council will also start a campaign soon to raise funds for the relief of Polish Jewish refugees now in Russia.

BRITAIN HAS MADE NO PROPOSAL ON PAN-ARAB FEDERATION TO ZIONIST LEADERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Authoritative Zionist circles here today stated that as far as they have been informed the British Government has put forth no proposal to Zionist leaders, whether in London or in Jerusalem, for the formation of a pan-Arab Federation to include Palestine.

The impression that Dr. Weismann in his conversations with members of the British Cabinet has discussed such a question, was termed by these quarters as "speculation for what as far as our information extends, there is no justification in fact."

URUGUAYAN SCIENTISTS APPEAL TO VICHY FOR RELEASE OF JEWISH PROFESSOR

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- A number of scientists, writers, artists and political leaders today sent a collective cable to Marshal Petain, head of the Vichy Government, asking for the release of the well-known French-Jewish scientist, Professor Jean Hotsfeld, who together with his wife, is now in a concentration camp in unoccupied France. Dr. Hotsfeld was a professor at the Sorbonne.

MOSCOW RELEASES LEADERS OF JEWISH SOCIALIST PARTY IN POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- The Polish Government today received official information from Moscow that Henryk Ehrlich and Victor Alter, two prominent leaders of the Bund, Jewish Socialist Party of Poland, have been released from the Moscow prison where they were held since the occupation of the Polish city of Lwow by the Soviet army about two years ago.

A number of other Polish citizens arrested during the Soviet occupation of Poland have similarly been released from the Moscow prison, according to the official report received by the Polish Government here. No information has arrived as yet about the fate of Professor Schorr, chief Rabbi of Poland, and the Jewish deputy Dr. Emil Semmerstein, both of whom were similarly arrested by the Soviets in Lwow two years ago, immediately upon the entrance of the Red Army into the city.

The Polish Cabinet, at its meeting last night rejected the demand of the anti-Semitic Endek Party that Professor Tadeusz Bialacki, Endek leader, be appointed vice-premier. The demand was advanced as the price for Endek support of the present Polish Government of General Sikorski. It is understood that the Endek group is demanding that the Sikorski cabinet accept almost the entire Endek pre-war program, including the policy of violent anti-Semitism and a forced evacuation of Jews from Poland after the war.

PART OF CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY TO BE USED AS RELIEF FUND UNDER VICHY DECREE

GENEVA, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Part of the assets of the "liquidated" Jewish commercial and industrial enterprises in France will be used for the creation of a Relief Fund for Poor Jews, according to a law published today in Vichy's Official Gazette.

The text of the law was announced today over the French radio stations. It provides:

1. The Commissioner for Jewish Affairs is authorized to appoint temporary administrators for the liquidation of Jewish property, giving them extensive powers not only to administrate it but also to sell it.
2. The administrators are to be supervised by inspectors. The proceeds of the sale of enterprises and of property are to be deposited in Caisse des Depots. Part of the assets is to be used for the creation of a special relief fund for poor Jews in France.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER REVIEWS VOLUNTEER FORCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, today reviewed a parade of the Palestine Volunteer Force. This is the first public review of the Volunteer Force since its inception about a year ago.

The Volunteer army, which has now reached almost full strength, is composed of British residents of Palestine and local Government officials, many of whom served with Allenby during the last war.

JEWS IN PRAGUE DEPRIVED OF THEIR CHEESE RATIONS

LISBON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- An order issued by the police authorities of Prague forbids Jews, under penalty of fine or imprisonment, to attend the produce market on the two days a week it is open. Under a new order by the food control authorities, Jews are now forbidden to purchase the cheese rations allowed to the general population. The butter ration is 100 grams per month and fats, 150 grams.

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AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH IS TRAINED FOR LEADERSHIP, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 26, (JTA)-- Future leadership in American Jewry is being developed through the Junior Division movement in many communities, it was revealed today in a preliminary study of the results of a nationwide survey covering more than 200 cities conducted by the Junior Division of the Joint Distribution Committee. Young people are being trained in community responsibility and in an appreciation of their obligations as Jews through their efforts in fund-raising drives.

In announcing the preliminary results, Pauline Baerwald Falk, Honorary Chairman of the J.D.C.'s Junior Division, pointed out that more than two-thirds of the communities which have already replied to the J.D.C.'s questionnaire, have stated that Junior Division activities have developed leaders for every type of local organization and institution. Eighty-three per cent of Jewish community leaders who replied to the questionnaire reported that Junior Divisions in their cities had trained leaders for local organizations and institutions. Ninety-two per cent of the cities with Junior Divisions which reported, stated that their Junior Divisions had raised funds for the local drive which would not have been raised otherwise. More than \$270,000 was contributed by Junior Divisions to drives for funds for overseas relief in 110 communities throughout the country last year.

B'NAI B'RITH CONTRIBUTES \$525,850 FOR RELIEF IN FIRST TWO YEARS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, (JTA)-- In the first two years of the present war B'nai B'rith contributed \$525,850 for aid to refugees and relief of war sufferers in 16 countries without regard to race or creed, according to figures made public here today by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith.

Of the total sum, \$179,700 were given to non-sectarian agencies such as the Red Cross, British War Relief Society, British-American Ambulance Corps, Bundles for Britain, United China Relief, Finnish Relief Fund, Greek War Relief Society and Queen Wilhelmina Fund. The other \$144,150 were expended through existing Jewish agencies operating in the overseas field and through B'nai B'rith committees abroad. This amount included \$29,700 allocated to various Palestinian causes.

PRESIDENT OF WARSAW JEWISH COMMUNITY FORCED TO ISSUE "WAR PROCLAMATION"

GENEVA, (Air Mail-- JTA)-- Jews in the Warsaw ghetto are being urged to "keep a cool head" in a proclamation issued by Engineer Csernikow, President of the Warsaw Jewish Community, at the order of the Nazi authorities.

The proclamation, a copy of which has just been received here, was issued in connection with the Nazi campaign against Russia. It reflects the unrest and anxieties created among the inhabitants of the ghetto as a result of the extension of the war to the East, and gives an indication of the new violent threats to which the unhappy ghetto Jews have been exposed. The fact that the proclamation was issued only a fortnight after the military operations against Russia had been started, shows that great care was taken in its wording and the text probably had to be revised many times before it was approved by the authorities.

"The difficult times we are living through," the proclamation says, "demand from us self-control, calm and a balanced mind. In the face of the present events we must keep a cool head, thus proving that we understand the gravity of this historical moment and that we shall be able to adapt ourselves to it. Strict obedience towards all the orders from the authorities and the militia is the foremost duty of everyone. This duty must be fulfilled in order to avoid compulsory measures being taken. Everyone must realize that in addition to being held responsible for his actions, he might also endanger the whole community by acting frivolously or disobeying orders and regulations."