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JEWS TO BE EXPELLED FROM ALL SLOVAK TOWNS OVER 5,000 POPULATION

ZURICH, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jews will be evacuated from practically all places in Slovakia where they have been living for ages, under a new decree issued by the Slovak Government barring Jews from living in towns with more than 5,000 population. The decree which appears in the newspaper Slovak, reaching here today, means that Jews will be expelled from Bratislava, Trnava, Prosove, Piskany, Novmesto, Zilina, Rusenbrok, Mikules and about 20 smaller towns. Already in the neighborhood of some of the larger towns Jews have been crowded into barracks, formerly occupied by Gypsies.

The Slovak clergy intervened in behalf of the Jews, trying to secure humanization of the measure, the newspaper Grenzboten reveals in an article attacking such interference. The paper declares that it welcomes complete "dejudaisation of Slovak towns, breaking the last link connecting Jews with the Slovak population."

HERSCHL GRYNZPAN REPORTED TORTURED TO DEATH BY GESTAPO

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Herschl Grynzpan, Polish Jewish youth, who has been imprisoned in France since November, 1938, when he shot and killed Ernst Von Rath, third secretary of the Nazi legation in Paris, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo in reprisal for the shooting of Pierre Laval according to a story appearing today in the London Chronicle.

The Chronicle states that Grynzpan had been constantly tortured by the Gestapo in an attempt to extort a confession from him, implicating French statesmen in the Von Rath assassination.

Last week, after the shooting of Laval, the Chronicle reports, two husky Gestapo agents entered the cell of Grynzpan, who was white-haired although still only twenty years old, and inflicted excruciating tortures upon him until he died.

JEWS IN NAZI POLAND URGED TO BE "STRONG AND RESOLUTE" IN SCHWARTZBART BROADCAST

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A direct radio broadcast to the Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland assuring them that their "ghetto walls will crumble" and that they will yet see "victory rise over the shambles of Germany," was given here last night over the B.B.C. station by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council. The broadcast was made on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Poland, and was the first Jewish broadcast on the B.B.C. Polish service.

Dr. Schwartzbart told the Jews of Poland to stand united in their sufferings with the Polish people and fight with all Poles for a liberated democratic Poland. He informed them of the various pledges made by the Polish Government-in-exile that Jews in post-war Poland will enjoy equal right under equal obligations, and told them of the tens of thousands of Jews who have joined the Polish army in Soviet Russia.

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VICHY'S ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IS REPORTED TO HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Whatever anti-semitism may have existed in France has disappeared in face of the anti-semitic propaganda conducted by the Vichy Government and the Nazi officials in the occupied territory, declared Andre Diethelm, first secretary of the Colonial Ministry under Georges Mandel, on his arrival here.

Diethelm was the first person to visit the Belle Voisin prison in which Mandel is confined. Only three visitors are allowed each year. He reports that he found Mandel "firm, energetic and believing in a British victory that will come soon."

Vichy reports agreement on Anti-Jewish Laws in North Africa

ZURICH, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A complete agreement with Gen. Weygand and with the French Governors of Tunis and Morocco with regard to the "elimination of Jewish influence in the economic and political life in North Africa" has been reached by Xavier Vallat, Vichy's commissioner for Jewish affairs, it was reported today from Vichy upon Vallat's return there from his trip.

Vallat announced that an office for "Jewish Questions" will shortly be established in Algeria. He is now touring France giving lectures on the necessity of eliminating Jewish influence from the political and economic life of North Africa.

ZIONISTS HOPE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL DECLARATION WILL FACILITATE JEWISH REHABILITATION

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The success or failure of the application of the principles expressed in the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration will be "judged by the measure of facilities given to the Jewish nation for its rehabilitation in Palestine," the New Judea, official Zionist organ writes in this week's issue published today.

The article states that the steps to insure a better future for the world would have no foundation if one of the oldest nations is excluded from the "charter of mankind." It is difficult to believe that the United States which was a party to the pledge given to the Jewish people by Britain in the last war, and which is to play such an important role in the future peace, would discriminate against the Jewish people when applying the sixth point of the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, the Zionist organ points out.

NAZIS USE JEWS FOR CLEAN-UP SQUADS IN CAPTURED SOVIET TOWNS

ZURICH, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Only Jews are being used as clean-up squads in captured Russian towns, directly behind the front lines, it was announced today on a German radio broadcast. Describing reorganization measures behind the front lines the broadcast disclosed that the Nazi army had established a special office which followed in the wake of the advancing army.

When Army Headquarters expects the imminent fall of a town this special office is instructed to proceed there to start cleaning up work. Generally, only Jews in the town are used for this work, which consists of cleaning buildings, removing barricades, corpses and carcasses of dead horses, the German radio stated.

YIDDISH PAPERS IN BRAZIL APPEAR IN PORTUGUESE

SAO PAULO, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A government decree prohibiting the publication in Brazil of any foreign language paper, including Yiddish, went into effect today. The law was originally to have been effective on July 31 but its execution was delayed for a month. The foreign language press was given the alternative of suspending publication or appearing in Portuguese. The three Yiddish papers in Brazil have announced that they would appear in Portuguese.

JEWISH PROPERTY IN SLOVAKIA TO BE TAXED 25% FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF "EMIGRATION FUND"

LISBON, Sept. 1. (JTA)-- Despite the fact that it is virtually impossible for Jews in Slovakia to emigrate, the Slovak authorities in Bratislava today announced a twenty-five percent tax on all Jewish property in the country to "finance Jewish emigration."

The decree provides for the establishment of a Jewish Emigration Fund within the framework of the Slovak Central Economic Office, with capital supplied by a compulsory levy on all Jews. In addition to the twenty-five percent tax on Jewish property, all Jewish organizations must turn in half of their cash-on-hand.

Since the only Jewish emigration that has taken place in Slovakia has been forced deportation to labor camps in Nazi-held Galicia, the creation of such a fund at this time is obviously merely a pretext for further confiscation of Jewish property.

EGYPTIAN ROYALTY ORDERS PALESTINE PRODUCTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA)-- A standing order received today from the Egyptian Royal family for Palestinian furs, robes, and other products is the first result of the Palestine Industrial Exhibition at Cairo. The Egyptian royalty ordered about twenty Palestine products which will be specially packed and will bear the royal seal of Egypt. At the same time many Egyptian firms placed orders totaling £25,000 for mens' and womens' clothing.

A proposal by the managers of the Palestine Exhibition that Egyptian industrial circles arrange for an exhibition of their products in Palestine was met with great interest in Cairo. The Egyptian business leaders, however, regretted that it was impossible to do so at the present time because of the war.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN SUGGESTS MAURITIUS INTERNEES BE RETURNED TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA)-- A suggestion that the 1,600 Jewish refugees now interned by the British on the island of Mauritius be brought back to Palestine, is made today in an editorial in the Manchester Guardian, commenting on the recent release of the first group of 100 Patria survivors from the internment camp at Athlit.

The editorial urges that the Mauritius internees be returned to "Palestine, which is their only home." It also asks for the rescinding of the decision forever barring entry into Palestine to anyone caught attempting to enter illegally. "One assumes that so cruel a decision no longer holds, but it would help us in the eyes of the world if it were officially renounced," the Guardian states.

Palestine Chief Rabbi Visits Internees in Athlit and Milra Camps

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine today visited the Jewish internees confined in the concentration camps at Athlit and Milra, encouraging them to keep up their spirits and hopes for release in the near future. The Chief Rabbi thanked the authorities of the camps for the care and attention that is being given to the internees.

FREE ROMANIAN MOVEMENT ORGANIZED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA)-- Organization of a Free Rumanian movement in Palestine to combat Nazism was announced here today. It is headed by prominent non-Jewish Rumanian residents.

It was also announced in Jerusalem that a convoy carrying Palestine Nazis deported for the duration of the war had arrived in Australia.

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NEWS
TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY DISCHARGES EMPLOYEES FOR NOT ENLISTING IN PALESTINE FORCES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality today sent discharge notices to all employees of municipal institutions who failed to comply with the decision of central Jewish bodies in Palestine that all unmarried men between the ages of twenty and thirty should voluntarily enlist in the Palestine forces. Among those discharged are 24 teachers of secondary schools.

Meanwhile the British military headquarters here today announced a special recruiting campaign in connection with the formation of new military companies in Palestine. Opportunities for promotions are offered to early registrants.

The Devar, largest Hebrew daily newspaper in Palestine, today devotes its leading article to the anniversary of the first bombing of Tel Aviv by Axis planes. This bombing of a peaceful open city should serve as a lesson for increasing Jewish participation in the fighting forces, the paper writes.

NAZIS ORDER LARGER SIGNS OVER JEWISH FIRMS IN BELGIUM

ZURICH, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Belgium ordered all Jewish firms there to display their "Jewish signs" more conspicuously than hitherto, it is reported here today.

The new order is due to the fact that the Belgian population refuses to boycott Jewish enterprises. Many Belgians offer as an excuse the fact that they do not notice the "Jewish signs" at the entrances.

Nazi occupational authorities in Belgium are at the same time reported preparing other regulations with a view toward ousting Jews from the economic life of the country. All Jewish enterprises are now registered with the German military authorities, while Jewish investments, banking accounts and real estate are under special supervision.

KAUFMAN ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS

BUFFALO, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Ben Kaufman of Trenton, New Jersey, was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at the closing session of the 46th annual convention today. He succeeds Fred S. Harris of Meriden, Conn.

Commander Kaufman is one of the six Jewish holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor which, during the World War was awarded to only seventy-two men.

Resolutions adopted at the convention reaffirmed the Jewish War Veterans' traditional Americanism policy of condemning Fascism, Communism and Nazism; paid tribute to the late Congressman Michael Eidelstein; called upon labor and management "to rise above purely individual interests for the greater good of the country;" deplored discrimination against any race, color or creed in defense industries; and urged Congress to amend its franking privilege so that it can be used only for official business.

National Vice-Commanders elected were: Samuel Rivkind of Boston; Sol Masch of New York City; Harry Berke of Hackensack, N. J.; Nat Roth of Miami; Dr. Robert Rosen of Detroit; and Samuel Bear of San Francisco.

FIRST POLISH THEATRE IN NEAR EAST TO OPEN IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Following the establishment of a Polish daily newspaper in Palestine, the non-Jewish refugees from Poland now in Palestine today decided to establish a Polish Theatre in Tel-Aviv. This will be the first Polish theatre in the entire Near East.

Simultaneously the military authorities here announced today the establishment of a Polish military hospital in Palestine for the Polish forces in the Near East.