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NAZIS ASSEMBLE TRAINS FOR TRANSPORTING CZECH JEWS TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION

ZURICH, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Prague newspapers reaching here today report that "trains have been assembled and stand ready" for transporting Jews from Czech towns to unknown destinations, while Prague radio today reported that two Jews, Hugo Beck and Maximilian Friedlander, were among those executed yesterday.

Welcoming the expulsion of Jews from the larger cities in the Czech Protectorate, the Nazi-controlled newspapers comment upon it as being "the first step toward a final solution of the Jewish problem" in the Protectorate. "The yellow Mogen David will soon disappear altogether from our towns," the Narodni Prace writes.

At the same time the Prague press admits that the resistance which is now growing throughout the Protectorate against the Nazi regime "is not a purely Jewish affair." The newspapers point out that Czech "aryans" are equally responsible for the growing anti-Nazi sabotage. They admonish the Czech people, and particularly the youth, to adopt an attitude "completely different from that of the dreamers and criminals who have wrapped themselves in a romantic myth and thus brought the nation once more to the brink of disaster."

Emulating Slovakia the authorities in Prague today decreed that all Jews in the Protectorate must mark a Mogen David on the envelopes enclosing their letters.

MASS EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM VIENNA TO LUBLIN WILL BE RESUMED

LISBON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Mass expulsion of Jews from Vienna to the Lublin District in Nazi-Poland will soon be resumed, according to reports received here today.

The reports state that the Nazi authorities in the Reich, after abandoning the "Lublin scheme" several months ago, have come to the conclusion that they must reverse it in order "to clear Vienna of the 45,000 Jews still there." Among the reasons advanced for this change of policy is the excuse that emigration of Jews from Vienna has greatly decreased since the United States issued new visa regulations last July, also that virtually all consulates of the countries of immigration have been closed down in Vienna, so that the Jews of Austria can get practically no visas to overseas countries.

FRANCE PLEDGES SYRIA TO GERMANY UNDER SECRET AGREEMENT

ISTANBUL, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Syria, the territory bordering on Palestine, which is still officially under French mandate, has been pledged to Germany by France under a secret agreement signed between Hitler and Darlan, according to information reaching diplomatic circles here today. The agreement, reported to have been signed by Darlan on behalf of the Petain Government, also pledges France to "united anti-Jewish action" with Germany. It also provides that commercial treaties concluded by France must be approved by Germany.

AMERICAN JEWS IN PALESTINE ENABLED TO RETAIN CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt today received for signature a bill to extend for one year the time given to naturalized American citizens to return to the United States under the Nationality Act of 1940 which became effective today.

The measure, which affected several thousand naturalized American Jews now in Palestine, provided that naturalized citizens would lose their American citizenship unless they returned to the United States by October 14. Lacking transportation facilities, the American Jews in Palestine were in danger of being deprived of their citizenship, since the majority of them have been living in Palestine for more than the two years provided by the Nationality Act for countries where one can become a local citizen after a continuous two-year residence.

The Bill now before the President was passed yesterday in the Senate in time to beat the deadline when the provisions of the Nationality Act went into effect. The Immigration Committee of the Senate rushed the bill to the floor where it was approved by a voice vote, after a brief explanation by Senator Francis T. Maloney, Democrat, of Connecticut. The State Department has been gravely concerned for some time regarding the fate of the stranded naturalized Americans, fearing that they would be exposed to all sorts of perils in warring countries or occupied territories once deprived of their nationality.

PALESTINE PIONEERS PERMITTED TO WORK ON FARMS IN DENMARK

LISBON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Most of the 370 young men and women from Germany who entered Denmark before the war to receive agricultural training as Palestine pioneers are now working on Danish farms in various parts of the country, according to a report received here today.

Since, as a result of the war, they are unable to proceed to Palestine as planned, according to the report, the Danish police have agreed to let them remain in the country until they can emigrate on condition that they be supported by the Jewish community and would not accept work for which they would be paid. The German occupation authorities, it is understood, have made no objection to these chalutzim remaining in the country and have not interfered with their training.

The chalutzim, the report states, are fed and lodged on the farms where they work but receive no other pay from their employers. Pocket-money, work-clothes, shoes, underwear and other necessities are paid for by the Copenhagen Jewish committee. Orthodox chalutzim are placed on farms in groups as much as possible so that they can be lodged and fed in camps established by the committee. Here, the report states, they prepare their own meals and maintain their camps.

There are still about 175 Jewish children in Denmark who came to the country en route to Palestine under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah. They are being lodged with families throughout the country, especially on farms where they receive training for work in Palestine.

AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL WILL ADDRESS BRANDEIS MEMORIAL MEETING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Lowell C. Pinkerton, United States consul-general at Jerusalem will be among the speakers at a memorial meeting to honor the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis which will be held Thursday in En Ha'Shopet colony, "Judge's Well" named after the late jurist. Other speakers will be Henrietta Szold and Dr. Judah Magnes.

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DUTCH PEOPLE SECRETLY COLLECTING FUNDS TO AID IMPOVERISHED JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Secret collection of funds to aid Jews rendered destitute by the anti-Jewish measures in Holland are proceeding throughout the Netherlands, it was disclosed today by Free Dutch circles here. These collections, the Dutch sources state, are indicative of the sympathy the Dutch people feel for their Jewish neighbors ousted from business or job by Nazi regulations.

The Nationales Dagblad, published in Amsterdam, ruefully admitted today that "the necessary 'aryanization' of the Gebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam has produced pretty bad results." The reorganization of the orchestra, the paper reports, has necessitated the use of five conductors in as many weeks, while some music by Jewish composers continues to be played.

WHITE BREAD IS A "JEWISH INVENTION" NAZI RADIO EXPLAINS TO UNDERNOURISHED GERMANS

ZURICH, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Unable to explain the complete disappearance of white bread which cannot be secured even by Nazi soldiers in hospitals, the Nazi radio this week stated that white flour is actually nothing but a Jewish invention. "The baking of white bread," the Nazi broadcaster explained, "was promoted by Jews both for speculative reasons and also for the purpose of undermining the health of the German people. Before the Jews settled in Germany, the people generally ate whole-wheat bread. For the last century, however, the Jews pushing themselves in between the producer and the consumer, fostered the production of 'dead flour' which is deprived of the main nutritive value."

JEWS IN FRANCE WILL BE SENT TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR VIOLATING "JEWISH LAWS"

ZURICH, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Jews violating the order which bars them from participating in certain business activities will be sent to concentration camps in the future, it was announced by Xavier Vallat, Vichy's Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, in an article appearing in the Pariser Zeitung today.

The German paper published in Paris declares that despite strict regulations prohibiting Jews from continuing in businesses that bring them in contact with the public, numerous Jews are carrying on their normal activities. Supplementing yesterday's decree, announced in Vichy, that Moroccan anti-Jewish laws will be effective on November 30, the Pariser Zeitung announced that Jewish lawyers in Morocco will be restricted to two per cent of the non-Jewish barristers.

JEWS CAN BECOME "ARYANS" IN ITALY IF THEY PAY \$15,000

LISBON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Italian Jews can become full-fledged "aryans" if they are able to get together 800,000 lira, approximately \$15,000, it was reported here today.

Fascist leaders in Rome, Milan and other cities have set themselves up in the business of selling "aryan" certificates with the cooperation of the Ministry of the Interior, which issues the documents. Some of the money is reported as going into the depleted Italian treasury.

BIBLE, SCORED BY HITLER AS "JEWISH BOOK," IS BEST SELLER IN REICH

BERNE, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Despite the Nazi campaign against the Bible as a "Jewish book" the sale of Bibles in Germany is constantly increasing, according to authentic figures made public here today. They reveal that while in 1935, the year when Hitler came to power, some 850,000 Bibles were sold in the Reich, the number rose to 1,520,000 in 1940.

JDC ARRANGES SAILING OF 700 REFUGEES FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

LISBON, Oct. 14. (TJA)-- The office of the Joint Distribution Committee here announced today that it has arranged for the sailing from Lisbon on Oct. 25th of the Portuguese liner, Serpa Pinto, which will carry between six and seven hundred refugees proceeding to new homes in North and South America.

From Lisbon, the vessel will proceed to Casablanca where it will pick up the last 200 refugees who sailed from Marseille last Spring and have been detained in North African internment camps ever since, as well as about 75 more emigrants from unoccupied France who were unable to obtain Spanish transit visas. These are proceeding to Casablanca to board the ship there. With the sailing of this ship, all the Jewish refugees who were stranded at Casablanca when the three French ships on which they were travelling were forbidden to complete their scheduled sailings will have been enabled to proceed on their way.

The refugees are being assembled for the trip from Casablanca, Marseille, Berlin, Vienna, Amsterdam, Prague, Luxemburg and Spain. After calling at Ciudad Trujillo, the Serpa Pinto will put in at Havana, Vera Cruz, Mexico, and New York.

The Joint Distribution Committee made arrangements for the special sailing of the ship in consultation with the Hicem which will handle the emigration of about 350 of the passengers from Marseille and Casablanca. This will be the first liner ever to sail from a Portuguese port to the Dominican Republic. The Serpa Pinto will carry between one hundred and one hundred and fifty relatives of Jewish settlers and other refugees who have obtained visas for residence in the Caribbean republic.

FORTY-THIRD EDITION OF AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK APPEARS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- The forty-third edition of the American Jewish year book was issued here today by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Edited by Harry Schneiderman, Assistant Secretary of the American Jewish Committee, the Year Book in addition to the usual compilation of statistics covering Jewish activities, directory of Jewish organizations and short biographical sketches of leading Jews who have died during the year, also contains a 300-page comprehensive review of the Jewish events of the past year. The review is divided into two parts - one covering the immediate situation of United States Jewry, the other dealing with the plight of Jewry abroad.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE PRESENTS AMBULANCE TO CANADIAN DENTAL CORPS

MONTREAL, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- A dental ambulance, the second in three months, was today presented to the Canadian Dental Corps by the Canadian branches of the Jewish Workmen's Circle in a public ceremony attended by the Mayor of Montreal, J. Adhemar Raynault and leading Canadian military figures. Joseph Weinberg of New York, National President of the Workmen's Circle, made the presentation.

JEWS FORBIDDEN FROM PUBLIC PLACES IN ANTWERP

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Jews are now forbidden to appear in public parks or bathing places in the Antwerp area, it was learned today from Free Belgium sources. They are also forbidden to loiter in the streets and must always carry identification cards which have been stamped by the authorities.