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FALL OF ODESSA WILL BRING WAR CLOSE TO PALESTINE, SYRIA

ISTAMBUL, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- The possibility of Palestine, Syria, Iraq and Iran becoming seriously involved in active war activities against Nazi armies was considered here today as reports emanating from Axis sources stated that Odessa, the Soviet harbor-city on the Black Sea, has been captured by the German-Rumanian troops.

It is felt here that should this report turn out to be correct, it may lead to the softening up of Turkey and its yielding to the German requests for permission for German armies to pass through Turkish territory. With German troops reported assembled at the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier, the position of Turkey after the fall of Odessa will become serious since the Turkish shores, including the Dardanelles, can easily be bombed by planes from Odessa air bases.

The key to the situation in Palestine, Syria and other countries in the Near East is thus in the hands of Turkey, it was pointed out here today. Should Turkey be compelled to permit the passage of German troops through its territory, Syria, Iraq and Iran all bordering on Turkey will immediately become a war front where Axis and Allied armies will meet fact to face in battles reminiscent of early days of the war on the Libyan front.

ALL LUXEMBURG JEWS TO BE DEPORTED TO POLAND

LISBON, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- About 600 Jews remaining in Luxembourg, of the 4,500 who lived there on the day of the Nazi invasion, will shortly be deported to Poland in order to make the Duchy completely "Judenrein," according to instructions issued by the Nazi authorities, it was learned here today.

The Nazi officials have notified the Jews that they will be deported next month because they have failed to emigrate. It is reported that about 100 of them are able to emigrate to the United States if they can reach a consulate which is open and still issuing visas. The State Department has agreed to allow the Barcelona consulate to issue these visas but the Spanish authorities are unwilling to grant transit permits unless the State Department guarantees that the Luxemburg refugees will be granted visas.

There is no information available here as to the probable fate of 150 aged Jews in Luxembourg who were formerly supported in homes for the aged, but whom were recently assembled in the old Ulfigen monastery. It is not known whether the Nazis will permit them to remain in the Duchy or will force them also to make the gruelling journey to Poland. In notifying the 600 Jews to be prepared for deportation, the Nazi authorities also informed them that they will not be permitted to take along any heavy luggage with them.

JEWS TO BE OUSTED FROM ALL SLOVAKIAN TOWNS

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- The German short wave radio at Zeesen today reported that deportation of Jews from all Slovakian towns will be started immediately. More than 10,000 Jews will be ousted from the Slovakian capital, Bratislava, and those remaining there will be confined in a ghetto.

The Slovak authorities plan to set up 14 residential areas for Jews and organize Jewish labor camps, the Nazi broadcast added, disclosing that three such camps already exist. The Slovak report follows closely on the heels of an announcement that Jews will be ousted from all the towns of the Czech Protectorate.

At the same time the Bratislava radio reported that 221 Jewish enterprises will be liquidated during October, bringing to 9,396 the number of Jewish enterprises liquidated since the anti-Jewish laws were introduced in Slovakia.

MEMORIAL FOR BRANDEIS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- A memorial to the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis will be established in Southern Palestine, it was announced today at a session of the small Zionist Actions Committee convoked for the purpose of eulogizing the two late Zionist leaders M. M. Ussishkin and Justice Brandeis. Representatives of all leading Jewish institutions in Palestine attended the session.

The assembly hall of the Jewish Agency, where the session was held, was decorated with black-draped portraits of Ussishkin and Brandeis. The chair on which Ussishkin sat for the last seven years as president of the Jewish National Fund was similarly draped in black. Heshel Farbstein, former member of the World Zionist Executive and oldest surviving member of the first Zionist Congress, wept as he opened the session. "Who will replace those two?" he asked pointing to the portraits. Eulogies were delivered by Dr. J. L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University; Berl Katznelson, editor of the Davar; Siegfried Hoofien, director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank; Isaac Grunbaum, member of the Zionist Executive; Dr. Abraham Granovsky of the Jewish National Fund, and by representatives of other Zionist institutions.

At the afternoon meeting Henriette Szold recalled the first steps toward Zionism that had been taken by Justice Brandeis and the influence he had on American Jewish life. Other speakers were: Zalman Rubashov, Palestine labor leader; Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrahi leader; and Bernard Joseph, legal adviser to the Jewish Agency. In Tel Aviv the municipality's first meeting of the new year was devoted to tributes to Brandeis and Ussishkin.

PETAINE SENTENCES LEON BLUM TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN FORTRESS

VICHY, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Authorized sources today disclosed that Leon Blum, former French Premier, has been sentenced by Marshal Petain to confinement for life in the fortress of Col Protelet which is 10,800 meters high in the mountains near the Franco-Spanish frontier.

Speaking over the radio, Petain today stated that Blum, Georges Mandel and others of the arrested ex-members of French cabinets, are at present being detained at an unnamed fortress, but that the tribunal in Riom is still empowered to try them and issue different sentences. Blum is officially charged with "neglecting to give the armament industry the proper stimulation, but on the contrary, disorganizing it through nationalization." Another charge against Blum is that while Premier he introduced social reforms which led to social warfare thus putting France in danger.

JEWS IN GERMANY TO WEAR YELLOW BADGES ON THEIR BACKS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Asserting that the Yellow Mogen David is not worn in a sufficiently conspicuous manner by the Jews in the Reich, Nazi authorities contemplate ordering the Jews to also wear a yellow star on their backs, it is reported today in the Social Demokraten, a leading Swedish newspaper.

The new measure is recommended by the extremists in the Nazi party under the pretext that many Jews try to hide the yellow Mogen David by holding a parcel in front of it. At the same time it is reported here today that a number of half-Jews who served in the German army as officers before Hitler came to power were exempted from wearing the yellow star. The exemption was granted by State Councillor Von Rath, the father of the official in the German embassy in Paris who was assassinated by Hershel Grynszpan. Councillor Von Rath is in charge of the department which decides on exemptions from wearing the yellow badge.

PALESTINE TO SEND A JEWISH UNIT TO SOVIET RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Preparations to send a Jewish unit from Palestine through Iran to Soviet Russia are being made here, according to information revealed here today by members of the Jewish Agency.

Messages of greetings between the Histadruth, Palestine Labor Federation, and the new Laborite Prime Minister of Australia were made public here today. "The friendship between your soldiers and ours, and the understanding between your people and the Yishuv will last forever," said the message of the Histadruth, which was answered by a similar message from the new Australian Prime Minister John Curtin.

UNEMPLOYED BELGIAN JEWS WILL BE SENT TO LABOR CAMPS

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- All unemployed male Jews in the Brussels area, which means most of the male Jewish population in the city, will be sent to forced labor camps, where they will be put to work at clearing rivers, drainage ditches and canals and other flood control work, it was learned today from the Belgian Ministry of Information here.

The German authorities in Brussels have announced that a labor camp for Jewish adult males will be opened at Tervueren, near the city. All male Jews, the Nazis decreed, who are unable to prove that they are engaged in legitimate, constructive work will be dispatched to the camp. It is expected that other camps will be opened shortly.

Since a recent Nazi ukase compelled all Jews to live only in the cities of Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Charleroi, it is presumed that a majority of those who came to Brussels, as well as Brussels Jews who were dismissed from their jobs under the anti-Jewish laws, are still unemployed, and therefore liable to be sent to the Tervueren camp.

ZIONISTS TO SPUR EFFORTS FOR BRITISH RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today called upon the officers of all districts and members of the Administrative Council to lend stimulus in their communities to the efforts in behalf of British War Relief. The Jewish Section of the Inter-Faith Committee cooperating with the British War Relief Society is a medium whereby American Jews have an opportunity to make a substantial contribution towards humanitarian aid to Britain, Judge Levinthal said in his call.

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JAPANESE STEAMERS REFUSE TO CARRY POLISH JEWS TO AMERICAN SHORES

TOKYO, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Japanese steamers sailing for America this week to repatriate American citizens, have refused to accept as passengers Jews who have valid American visas but who hold Polish passports, it was disclosed here today.

At the same time the Japanese authorities continue to dump into Shanghai more and more Polish Jews who have been stranded in Kobe and other cities in Japan. The Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai finds it difficult to take care of the refugees, the majority of whom are sheltered in synagogues and in the premises of the Shanghai Jewish Club. It is estimated that there are no more than 150 Jewish refugees from Poland left in Japan, and even they will soon be shipped to Shanghai by the Japanese authorities.

PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE POSTPONED FOR A MONTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- The Pan-American Jewish Conference scheduled to take place in Baltimore at the end of October will be postponed for one month, it was announced here today by Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress. The postponement was necessitated by the fact that the delegation from Argentina found it impossible to leave for the United States in time for the October date.

The Conference will open in Baltimore on Nov. 23 and will last three days. All of the business sessions of the Conference will be private, in order to permit a complete and frank discussion of common problems. There will, however, be two public sessions, one on Sunday afternoon, November 23, which will take the form of a public meeting, and a concluding session on the evening of November 25, in the form of a banquet. Delegates will come to the United States from the following lands: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Canada, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras.

Among the matters to be discussed, according to present plans, are the problems of the restoration of rights for Jews at the conclusion of the war; relief and reconstruction; defense against anti-Semitic propaganda; strengthening of democracy; and the creation of a permanent form of cooperation among the various Jewish communities on the American continent.

RABBI ZEPIN, RETIRING EXECUTIVE OF UAHG, TO BE FETED IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Many nationally prominent leaders of Reform Jewry will come to Cincinnati on October 18 to pay tribute at a banquet to Rabbi George Zepin who is retiring after thirty-eight years of distinguished service to Reform Judaism. Rabbi Zepin retires as Executive Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Director of Synagogue and School Extension, Secretary of the Commission on Synagogue Activities, and Secretary of the Commission on Jewish Education.

The banquet, in honor of Rabbi Zepin, will be presided over by Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of the Union. Present at the banquet will be representatives of the Executive Boards of the Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, Youth, Board of Governors and Faculty of the Hebrew Union College, members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and many other friends and co-workers. On October 19, the Executive Board of the Union will meet in Cincinnati, so that all members of this body can join in the tribute to their retiring executive.