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NAZIS KEEP THOUSANDS OF SOVIET JEWS IN BARBED-WIRED CAMPS UNDER OPEN SKY

ON A GERMAN FRONTIER, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Tens of thousands of Soviet Jews are now being held practically foodless in roofless barbed-wired concentration camps established by the Nazis under the open sky in the occupied Soviet territory where the houses of the victims have been wiped out by Russian and German artillery fire, according to an eye-witness report reaching here today.

The report states that hundreds of the interned Jews, including women, children and aged, are dying daily from cold and hunger since they are exposed to snow and storms without any shelter and warm clothing. The Ukrainian population in the neighborhood, deeply moved by the tragedies of the Jews, sneak over the barbed-wire fences at night and share part of the food which they succeeded in securing during the day with the Jews. Those Ukrainians caught delivering food to the interned Jews are executed.

Open-air camps for Jews are, according to the report, especially crowded in Minsk, Chernichov, Uman, Revel, Riga and other of the Nazi-occupied cities where most of the buildings have been demolished by bombs and heavy artillery. During the day the Jews are forced to do hard labor in clearing debris and working on the roads while they spend the night under rain and snow.

In contrast to their inhuman treatment of the Jews, the Nazis are trying to win the non-Jewish population in the Ukraine and other occupied sections of Soviet Russia by treating the Russians and Ukrainians with definite restraint. So far only Jews are being driven to forced labor, while the non-Jewish population is told by the Nazis that Germany has occupied their country "only with a view of liberating them from Jewish rulers." The anti-Semitic propaganda which the Nazis are spreading has, however, little influence on the Russians and Ukrainians, the report states.

MASS-DEPORTATION OF 10,000 JEWS STARTED IN BRATISLAVA

BRATISLAVA, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- The mass-expulsion of 10,000 Jews from Bratislava into so-called "Jewish centers" in remote small Slovakian townships where they will be isolated in ghettos started here today with the first group of 1,500 Jews being "evacuated" from the city in special trains.

Slovak authorities estimate that by the end of the year all 10,000 Jews scheduled for deportation - comprising 70 percent of the entire Jewish population of Bratislava - will have left the city. The remainder will be moved into a ghetto.

Parallel with the deportation of Jews from Bratislava, the authorities will "evacuate" Jews from other Slovak cities. All Jews will be transported to 14 so-called "Jewish centers" from which they will not be permitted to move. These "centers" will be administered in the same manner as the Jewish ghettos in Nazi-held Poland.

ROOSEVLET SPEAKS OF A PALESTINE "FROM DAN TO BEERSHEBA" IN MESSAGE TO HADASSAH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Emphasizing the necessity "to repel the wave of degenerate barbarity which has temporarily engulfed so many countries," President Roosevelt, in a message to the 27th Hadassah convention opening here to-morrow praised the Hadassah record of humanitarian endeavor and expressed the belief that "the women of Hadassah, in addition to their devoted service in the physical and social advancement of the Palestine community from Dan to Beersheba, can assist in many other vital ways to fortify the bulwarks of democracy in the world-wide struggle to defeat the cohorts of tyranny."

The convention, at which 1,500 delegates from 46 states will participate, will be asked to approve a "war chest" of \$1,250,000, of which \$475,000 will be used for war emergency work. The remainder will be devoted to carrying on the normal Hadassah activities in Palestine consisting of health services, aid to soldiers' families and vocational training.

The convention will also go on record in support of the policies of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, as well as define Zionist post-war hopes. For the first time in the history of the organization, this convention will put forth an "American Affairs" program providing for participation by its membership in defense activities in the United States.

PAUL BAERWALD RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- In the presence of a distinguished gathering of leaders in religious, civic and business life, the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, honoris causa, was conferred upon Paul Baerwald, Honorary Chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, at the Fall Convocation of the Hebrew Union College today in the Beth-El Chapel of Temple Emenu-El, New York City. The honorary degree was awarded to Mr. Baerwald by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of Hebrew Union College.

In conferring the honorary degree, Dr. Morgenstern read a citation stating that this tribute was accorded to Mr. Baerwald "in recognition of long, self-sacrificing and distinguished service to his brethren of the household of Israel, of devoted and untiring labors, through almost half a century, to relieve the needy, suffering and oppressed, to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, refuge for the persecuted, hope for the despairing and opportunity for the underprivileged and dispossessed.

"The son of noble parents and heir to a precious Jewish family tradition," the citation continued, "he has lived consistently a life which exemplifies the highest teachings of Judaism. His leadership, modest, wise and statesmanlike, and animated by a far-reaching vision of world peace and human brotherhood, has brought salvation for uncounted children of his people and brought illumination, guidance and faith to his fellowmen. Through him Judaism has been strengthened, Israel has been blessed, the world has become better, more beautiful and happier."

Speakers at the Convocation and participants in the religious services and academic ceremony were Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of the Central Synagogue; Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson of Temple Emenu-El; Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Greater New York; Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of Temple Israel, New York City; Rabbi Nathan Stern of the West End Synagogue, New York City, President of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Association; Ralph W. Mack of Cincinnati, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the College; and Adolph Rosenberg of Cincinnati, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS CRITICIZE GOVERNMENT FOR MUFTI'S ESCAPE; ZIONISTS WORRIED

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Zionist circles here were seriously perturbed to-day over the news of the escape to Italy of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, while British newspapers published editorials criticizing their government for permitting the ex-Mufti to escape from Iran.

The London press predicts that the ex-Mufti will now stir up "plenty of trouble" for England from Italy and Germany. Free French circles here declared to-day that they will not be surprised if the French government in Vichy takes the opportunity to make a friendly gesture to Italy by permitting the ex-Mufti to visit Morocco, Tunis, Algiers and other French-controlled territories in Northern Africa in order to induce the local Moslem dignitaries there to accept Vichy's anti-Jewish laws which they have been opposing.

In Jewish circles apprehension is felt over the contact which the ex-Mufti may now be able to establish with his group in Palestine which remained without a leader after the Mufti's disappearance from Iraq. Such contact can now be resumed through Moslem countries in French Africa, especially since the Rome radio today announced that Mussolini intends to arrange a tour for the ex-Mufti through North Africa to prove to the Moslem population there that Italy is ready to give utmost support to the "Arab cause" by supporting the ex-Mufti's plans. Such a tour will also aggravate the already grave position of several hundred thousand Jews in French and Italian North-African colonies.

Pointing out that the ex-Mufti's escape probably did not come as a surprise to the Palestine administration as well as to the British Colonial Office, the Manchester Guardian today in a bitter editorial wonders how the Colonial Office has been "successfully and successively" foxed by the ex-Mufti, permitting him to work in Syria and Iraq. "Since we never succeed in catching the Mufti, we had better continue to appease the Mufti's friends as we have done so long with such a remarkable lack of success," the Manchester Guardian comments sarcastically.

JEWISH REFUGEE WOMEN IN ENGLAND MAY ENROLL IN "AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE"

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Jewish refugee women living in England may be enrolled in a non-British section of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and attached to the Pioneer Corps, it was stated today in the London Times.

In the same article the Times gives high praise to a company of the Pioneer Corps, composed mainly of German and Austrian Jewish refugees, which at present is engaged in constructing camps for armored units in Wiltshire. The Times' special army correspondent reports that the company is quarrying its own stone, clearing sites in the woods and building living quarters down to the last electric connection. This is the same company that some time ago earned high praise for its service in London during heavy air raids.

ARGENTINE JEW COMES TO CANADA TO JOIN CANADIAN NAVY

MONTREAL, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Efforts to increase the number of Jews in Canada's army are now being stimulated by Jewish recruiting offices in Montreal and Toronto. The official opening of the recruiting station in Toronto was marked by a Torchlight parade of Jewish War Veterans. The recruiting drive is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

One of the most recent Jewish enlistments in the Canadian Navy is a Jew who came to Canada from the Argentine. He is Petty officer Louis Cohen who is already on a corvette "somewhere in the Atlantic."

NATIONAL JEWISH BODIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN NATION-WIDE BRANDEIS-BALFOUR DAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President of the Zionist Organization of America, today announced that leading national Jewish organizations and fraternal bodies numbering more than a million members have indicated their readiness to participate in the nation-wide observance of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration on November 2, 1941.

Among the national bodies that have issued calls to their members to join in the observance of Balfour Day, are the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, The Rabbinical Assembly of America, Jewish War Veterans of New York, The Independent Order B'rith Abraham, The Union of Orthodox Congregations, The Union of Orthodox Rabbis; The Rabbinical Association of the Hebrew Theological College, and The Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

Balfour Day will be marked in more than 500 communities with memorials for the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. His memory will be honored at rallies sponsored by the Zionist Organizations of America in conjunction with its constituent organizations and other Zionist bodies.

JEWISH YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSE MRS. ROOSEVELT'S DEFENSE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA)--Endorsements of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's ten-point plan for participation by American youth in the national defense activities were received today by the First Lady from four national Jewish youth organizations.

The National Council of Jewish Juniors meeting in their twelfth annual convention at Baltimore, the Junior Hadassah and the National Young Judea and Aleph Zadek Aleph, the B'nai B'rith Youth Group all issued statements supporting the "Program for Youth."

This program, as outlined by Mrs. Roosevelt, provides that youth: assume a responsibility for increasing production on our own jobs; learn necessary skills; achieve physical fitness; educate ourselves for today's needs; increase community services; provide services for young people in the armed forces and in defense industrial areas; take part in civilian protection programs; contribute to war relief and to save for defense; conserve resources and eliminate waste; and insure the participation of youth of all ages, races, and faiths in the defense program.

HILLEL FOUNDATION PUBLISHES FIRST ANTHOLOGY OF JEWISH RECORDINGS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Oct. 28. (JTA)-- "An Anthology of Phonographic Recordings of Jewish Interest," number one in a series of brochures by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations under the general title of "Hillel Aids," has been published here. The brochures are intended to serve as an introduction to the source material that Jewish youth leaders may find valuable in building their programs.

NATHAN GOULD, WISCONSIN JEWISH CHRONICLE EDITOR, DIES IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 28. (JTA)-- Nathan Gould, 52, president and editor of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, died here after an illness of six months.

Born in Pittsburgh, Mr. Gould was graduated from the University of Michigan law school and practiced law in Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee. He established Anglo-Jewish newspapers in Detroit, Kansas City and Indianapolis before founding the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle 17 years ago and was vice-president and a contributing editor of the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle. One of the leading editorialists in the Anglo-Jewish field, Mr. Gould's editorials were widely quoted.