

MRS. ROOSEVLET URGES JEWISH WOMEN TO ENROLL IN AUXILIARY DEFENSE SERVICES

DETROIT, Nov. 12. (JTA)-- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, addressing the twenty-third annual convention of the Women's League of the United Synagogues of America last night, appealed to the 300,000 Jewish women of the 450 sisterhoods of the League to enroll for training for auxiliary services in hospitals and other welfare agencies. "It may be that uniformed auxiliaries will be needed in the grim days ahead," Mrs. Roosevelt said, speaking on "Women in Defense."

Mrs. Samuel Spiegel of New York was re-elected president of the League which concluded its four-day session today. Over 1,000 delegates from the United States and Canada attended the convention which was addressed by a number of speakers on problems concerning Jewish education, religion, and the Jewish position in the world today.

In an interview with the J.T.A. correspondent here, Mrs. Roosevelt said that elimination of discrimination in employment is a problem of education which must be directed at employees as well as employers, since the former are as guilty as the latter in showing prejudices.

JEWISH LORD MAYOR ELECTED BY LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA)-- Hyman Morris, a Jew, has been unanimously elected Lord Mayor of Leeds, the sixth Jewish mayor to be chosen in England, it was announced today.

Morris, who has been a member of the Leeds City Council since 1922, was nominated by a Conservative, Alderman Walker; seconded by a Laborite, Alderman Brett; and supported by a Liberal, Alderman Boyle.

CANADIAN ZIONIST CONVENTION DEMANDS JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

TORONTO, Nov. 12. (JTA)-- The annual convention of the Ontario Zionist region, with approximately 600 delegates attending, approved a resolution urging Premier Churchill to see that an integral and essential part of the allied peace aims includes the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine.

"It must be a state capable of housing millions of homeless European Jews, a state in which the extinguished spiritual light of erstwhile proud Jewish communities can once more be rekindled and serve as a beacon for all Jewry" reads the resolution. The establishment of a Jewish army also was advocated in another resolution adopted.

DR. JULIUS STERN, FORMER HEAD OF BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Julius Stern who was a member of the Board of the Berlin Jewish Community for thirty years and its president for ten. Dr. Stern died yesterday in the Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, after an illness of several months. He was born 88 years ago in Silesia.

One of the outstanding men in the medical profession in Germany, Dr. Stern was compelled to leave the Reich in 1938. He had been a member of the Board of the Jewish Colonization Association for many years and one of the leading figures in the Hias-JCA Emigration Association. While holding office as leader of the Jewish Community in Berlin, he received the order of the Red Eagle from Kaiser William II on the occasion of the opening of the Great Synagogue on Fasanenstrasse in Berlin which the Nazis have now closed. Until the last moment he was permitted to remain in Germany, he was active in aiding the Jews there in every way he could.

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MASS-EXECUTION OF 25,000 JEWS IN ODESSA REPORTED IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- The mass-execution of 25,000 Jews in Odessa by Rumanian troops was reported today in a British radio broadcast.

The report said that after 220 Rumanian soldiers were killed by a Soviet time bomb, 25,000 Jews in Odessa, including women and children, were herded into military barracks and mowed down by squads of Rumanian machine-gunners. The barracks were then set on fire. The British radio termed the massacre as "one of the biggest mass executions in history."

JEWS ARMY IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR RUSSIA, BRITISH SAY

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- The breakdown in the negotiations between the British Government and the Jewish Agency for the establishment of a Jewish Army was attributed today by British authoritative circles to the necessity of providing the Soviet forces with all military equipment that Britain can spare.

It was also learned here today that Lord Moyne, British Colonial Secretary, made this point clear in his letter of October 15 in which he informed the Jewish Agency that the British Government is not ready to establish a Jewish Army. Reiterating a previous argument that shortage of shipping facilities prevents the equipping of a Jewish Army, Lord Moyne in his letter stated that the Russian war has imposed tremendous strain on British transport as well as curtailing available military equipment.

Agency Takes Issue With British War Minister Over Lost Jewish Soldiers

The Jewish Agency in a statement today took issue with the figures announced by British War Secretary Capt. David Margesson, who on Tuesday announced Palestine Jewish casualties in the battles of Greece and Crete. The number of Jewish soldiers missing in the Greek campaign is given in the Agency report as 1,365 "according to the lowest reliable figures." Capt. Margesson, in his announcement this week in the Commons, said that only 1,025 Palestine Jewish soldiers are considered lost in the British campaign in Greece and Crete and of them 440 are known to have fallen into the hands of the Nazis as war prisoners.

It was officially announced here today that the German authorities have agreed to give 1,160 Palestine Jews who are held as war prisoners in a special camp in Silesia the same treatment as is given to British war prisoners. Conditions in this camp were a subject of discussion between representatives of British war prisoners, representatives of Palestine prisoners and the German camp authorities, the announcement said. The agreement reached provides for a fair share for the Palestine Jews of the parcels sent by the British Red Cross to war prisoners in Germany. Also that Palestine non-commissioned officers are to be treated like imprisoned British officers and are not to be compelled by the camp administration to do forced labor.

PALESTINE JEWISH LEADERS ATTEND NASHASHIBI'S FUNERAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- Prominent Jewish leaders in Palestine were among the large crowd attending the funeral yesterday of Fakhir Nashashibi, pro-British Arab leader who was assassinated in Baghdad on Sunday.

Among the Jewish leaders present were Chief Rabbi Uziel; Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency; Isaac Ben-Zvi, chairman of the Vaad Leumi and Daniel Auster, vice-mayor of Jerusalem.

MAYORS OF LEADING PALESTINE CITIES MEET TO PLAN PRICE CONTROL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- A conference of the Arab and Jewish mayors of the four leading cities in Palestine was held here today to discuss means of checking profiteering and hoarding which have caused the prices of essential commodities to rise to unprecedented heights.

Present at the conference, which was presided over by Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv, were Mustapha Bey Khalidi, Mayor of Jerusalem; Shabbetai Levi, Mayor of Haifa and Omar Il Biter, Mayor of Jaffa. Rokach addressed the conference urging the Palestine Government to undertake importing of adequate quantities of essential materials which would be sold at low prices. The Tel Aviv Mayor pointed out that though Britain was farther from its sources of supply than Palestine and its lines of communications were much more exposed to Axis attack, there has not been a great increase in the prices of essential foods such as wheat and flour in England. He urged stricter government control of supplies to prevent hoarding. The conference decided to form a permanent committee and to present a joint declaration to the High Commissioner outlining its proposals.

ARGENTINE LEADER FLIES TO WASHINGTON WITH NEW REFUGEE IMMIGRATION PLAN

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- Eduardo Araujo, Radical member of the Argentine parliament, will fly to Washington tomorrow with a project of creating a central inter-American coordinating bureau for receiving and re-routing European refugees among the American nations. "This is a pressing problem and it is the duty of the democracies to solve it," he said today.

While in Washington, the Argentine deputy will make an eleventh-hour move to save the 86 German-Jewish refugees aboard the "tragedy ship" Cabo de Hornos from being delivered back to Spain. The steamer, whose passengers have been wandering for over ten months without being admitted anywhere, is due to reach Trinidad on November 18 on its way to Spain from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay where the refugees were not permitted to land. Their forced return to Spain will deliver them into the hands of the Gestapo which will transport them to concentration camps in Germany.

MUFTI WILL BE MADE "PROTECTOR OF ISLAM" UNDER GERMAN-ITALIAN AGREEMENT

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- Haj Amin el Hussein, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who is now in Berlin will be made the "Protector of Islam" under an agreement between Hitler and Mussolini, it was reported today in the Daily Sketch.

The article states that Mussolini will hand over to the Mufti the "Sword of Islam," which was presented to him in 1937 in Tripoli during his tour of Libya. The "Sword" was purchased in Florence in 1937 by Italian officials and transported to Libya where Jewish goldsmiths in Tripoli were hired to engrave Arabic designs on it.

WARBURG REVIEWS J.D.C. ACTIVITIES ON 27TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- The 27th anniversary of the American Joint Distribution Committee was marked today by a broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System network which featured an address by Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the JDC, and the reading by Frederic March, screen actor, of a poem written especially for the program by the noted novelist Robert Nathan.

Mr. Warburg in his address pointed out that the JDC gave direct help to more than a million war sufferers in 1940 and is now operating in fifty countries all over the world.

50,000 B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN PLEDGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- A decision placing all 50,000 members of the 480 senior and junior B'nai B'rith women's auxiliaries at the full disposal of the Civilian Defense authorities was adopted here yesterday at the annual meeting of the Women's Supreme Council of the B'nai B'rith, following an address by Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., assistant to Mrs. Roosevelt in the Office of Civilian Defense.

The meeting called for intensified cooperation between B'nai B'rith women and local defense councils and the United Service Organization's welfare activities for men in the armed services, a broadening of B'nai B'rith service to the American Red Cross in all its manifold activities, continued cooperation with and contribution to responsible agencies engaged in providing relief and aid to war victims and refugees and an intensive program of citizenship education and Americanism. Expenditures of \$126,000 during the past year for war relief, refugee aid, scholarship loans, community welfare, Red Cross and educational projects were reported. Mrs. Lenore D. Underwood, of San Francisco, was re-elected president of the B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council.

PALESTINE FARMERS MEET TO PLAN INCREASED PRODUCTION TO AID WAR EFFORT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- A declaration that the Yishub is now agriculturally self-sufficient was made today by Dr. Arthur Ruppin, agricultural expert for the Jewish Agency, at a conference in which 250 Jewish farmers "from Dan to Beersheba" participated.

The conference was called to discuss means of increasing the production of wheat and oil-giving agricultural products. R. P. Mason, Director of Agriculture for the Palestine Government, asked the assembled farmers to do their utmost to increase agricultural production so that valuable shipping space could be transferred from transporting food to war uses. He asked that particular attention be devoted to increasing the crop of ground nuts and soya beans, both of which are valuable sources of vegetable fats. The Rehovoth Agricultural Research Station of the Jewish Agency came in for particular praise from Mason who lauded "its experiments and achievements."

NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO BE FETED AT INTER-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE IN BALTIMORE

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will be the guest of honor at the banquet which the American Jewish Congress will tender on November 25 at the Hotel Southern in Baltimore at the conclusion of the three-day Inter-American Jewish Conference which will open there on November 23, it was announced here today by the Congress.

It is expected that as a result of the conference closer relations will be established among the Jewish communities of the Americas and a form of cooperation worked out which will result in the strengthening of democratic principles in all countries. Among the countries to be represented at the session are Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

TOLEDANO ELECTED SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI OF TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA)-- Rabbi Jacob Toledano, former Vice-Chief Rabbi of Alexandria, has been elected Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic community in this city, it was announced here today.