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AMERICAN JEWISH DELEGATION TO PROCEED TO PALESTINE, SHERTOK REVEALS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The news that a delegation of American Jews will soon proceed to Palestine was revealed today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the executive of the Jewish Agency, addressing a press conference here.

"The Yishub will wholeheartedly welcome this delegation," Shertok said. He pointed out that the defense of Palestine and the Middle East calls for large numbers of recruits and urged the Jews of Palestine to enlist in the army "in ever-increasing numbers" despite the refusal of the British Government to permit the establishment of a special Jewish army. "To all dangers and disappointments which we are now facing, there can only be one reaction - an immediate and maximum Jewish enlistment," he declared.

38 CZECH JEWS HANGED BY GESTAPO; JEWS WARNED NOT TO SELL BELONGINGS

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- Thirty-eight Jews have been hanged by the Nazis in the Czech Protectorate since the present reign of terror there was instituted by the Gestapo leader, Reinhard Heydrich, following his appointment as "protector" of the territory, it was reported today by Czech circles here. This represents ten percent of the total persons executed although Jews only comprise two percent of the entire Protectorate population.

New decrees covering the sale of Jewish-owned property were announced in the Prague newspaper, Neue Tag, reaching here today. Jews were warned by the paper not to sell any of their belongings without special permission, to "prevent their obtaining additional income enabling them to hoard food." Pointing out that Jews are aided by Czech circles "well known for their friendship to Jews," the pro-Nazi paper states that both the Jewish sellers and the non-Jewish buyers can expect to receive severe punishment from the Gestapo.

SLOVAKIAN STORMTROOPERS PLACED IN CONTROL OVER JEWS

ZURICH, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The Hlinka Guard, Slovakian stormtroop organization, has been placed in official control of all anti-Jewish measures in the country, according to an announcement by Samo Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior, which appears in the Gardista, Hlinka Guard organ, reaching here today.

The Guards are particularly entrusted with organizing control over Jewish labor camps. M. Kubala, chief of staff, is to supervise the execution of the anti-Jewish measures.

A new decree announced in Slovakia, governing Jewish employment, provides that under no circumstances shall Jews be paid for overtime. This follows a previous order that Jews may not be paid more than 1,500 kronen monthly.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS DEMAND WIDE DISCUSSION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The suggestion that the Imperial War Council should hold a special meeting to determine the future policy of the British Commonwealth towards Palestine was made in the House of Lords yesterday and was followed by a demand by Noel Baker, Laborite M.P., that a full debate on Palestine should take place in Commons.

"I am sure that we ought soon to have a debate regarding Palestine. The Palestinian matters are so grave and urgent that they deserve a full-day discussion for themselves," Baker said at last night's session of the House of Commons.

In the House of Lords the question of submitting the Palestine problem for consideration to the Imperial War Council was raised by Lord Davies. He drew attention to the recent reaffirmation of the Balfour Declaration by Gen. Smuts in his address from South Africa on Balfour Day and asked whether any proposals regarding Palestine have been received by the British Government from the government of South Africa. He wanted to know whether these proposals will be submitted to the Imperial War Council in order to determine the policy which the British Commonwealth is to pursue with regard to the future of Palestine.

Replying to these questions, Lord Moyne, British Colonial Secretary, said that His Majesty's Government is aware of the views expressed by Gen. Smuts in his broadcast on the occasion of the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, but no definite proposals on the subject have been received from the South African government. Asked by Lord Davies whether such proposals, if received, have any chance of being discussed by the Imperial War Council, the British Colonial Secretary stated that he could not answer a hypothetical question but added that "obviously this matter will need to be considered first by the government."

It was learned here today that a resume of the correspondence and the discussions between the British Government and the Jewish Agency with regard to the question of the formation of a Jewish Army is now being circulated by the Zionist Executive among British parliamentarians under the title "War Effort and War Potentialities of Palestine Jewry."

JUNIOR HADASSAH CONVENTION ASKS FOR JEWISH ARMY AND NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE

BOSTON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- A petition addressed to Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, requesting his Government to create a Jewish army, allow the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine and to include a solution of the Jewish problem in its war aims was unanimously passed yesterday by more than 1,000 delegates attending the eighteenth annual convention of the Junior Hadassah which will continue here until Sunday.

The petition expressed "deep regret" that declarations on war aims by representatives of the British Government have said nothing so far about solving the "catastrophic problem of Jewish homelessness." This situation, because of its exceptional character, calls for specific consideration, it was emphasized.

In reference to an independent armed force of Jews, the petition urged that Great Britain end its "short-sighted policy in respect to a Jewish army."

A dinner was tendered this evening in honor of thirty-five members of the organization who had obtained high ratings in an examination covering a three-year course in Jewish studies.

POLISH-JEWISH SOLDIERS DECORATED BY GEN. SIKORSKI FOR DEFENDING TOBRUK

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- With the British forces at the gates of Tobruk, it was reported here today that a number of Jews serving in the Polish Army in the Middle East were awarded medals for bravery as "defenders of Tobruk." The decorations were bestowed upon them by Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, who visited Tobruk on an inspection tour of the Polish forces in the Middle East.

Many of these Jews are reported to have fought with the Polish Army during the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. A substantial number, however, of the decorated Polish Jews have been living in Palestine and Egypt for some time and joined the Polish forces when they were moved to this part of the world to participate in the Libyan battle. The fighting qualities of the Jews in the Polish forces is appreciated by Polish military leaders to such an extent that Gen. Sikorski has been urged to revise the old Polish policy and appoint Jews to the post of commanding officers.

DONETZ BASIN, NAZI TARGET IN RUSSIA, HAS 40,000 JEWS, BERLIN REPORTS

LISBON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- Nazi newspapers reaching here today from Berlin estimate that there are about 40,000 Jews living in the Donetz Basin, the target of the German drive on the southern Soviet front.

Reports reaching Polish circles here disclose that the Polish Embassy in Soviet Russia now has on its staff more than 15 Polish Jews most of whom are assigned to the task of contacting Jews from Poland exiled by the Soviets to distant parts of Russia. These Jews were exiled from Eastern Galicia when the territory was occupied by the Soviet armies, and are now being released under the Russian-Polish pact.

HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED BECAUSE OF TOO MANY JEWS ON STAFF

ZURICH, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The Hungarian newspaper, "Esti Ujsag," has been suppressed because of the number of Jews on its staff, according to other Hungarian newspapers which reached here today.

The Budapest papers also report that Jewish doctors in Szegedin, Hungary, are forbidden to treat any patients except Jews, according to a ruling by the Szegedin medical chamber.

UNION OF CZECH ORTHODOX JEWS GRANTED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY BENES GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The Union of Orthodox Jews of Czechoslovakia was today officially recognized by the Czech Government here as the representative body of all orthodox Jewish groups in Czechoslovakia-in-exile. It will receive a subsidy from the government to enable it to carry on its work.

A decree will be issued authorizing the Union to appoint one of its members as the official representative who will meet with various government officials in connection with the activities of Czech orthodox Jews. A meeting of the Union today elected Dr. O.R. Springer formerly of Prague to fill this post. He and Dr. Rosenbaum, from Bratislava, will direct the political affairs of the organization.

ENGLISH MAYOR OPENS JNF EXHIBITION IN LONDON SUBURB

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- Mayor J. Pritchard of Stepney yesterday opened the Palestine exhibition of the Jewish National Fund's Peoples Department, as his first official function since he was elected a short time ago. He appealed to his audience to exert all efforts to help build a Jewish Palestine.

WARBURG THANKS NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT FOR ADMITTING REFUGEES TO CURACAO

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- Gratitude to the Netherlands Government for admitting the refugee passengers aboard the S.S. Cabo de Hornos to the island of Curacao and thus saving them from being returned to Europe, was expressed today in a statement issued by Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee which made the arrangement with the Netherlands authorities in London under which the Cabo de Hornos passengers were permitted to disembark at Willemstad, Curacao.

"The action of the Netherlands Government in permitting these unfortunate people a breathing spell on Curacao until permanent refuge can be arranged for them is all the more gratifying since that Government is today so greatly preoccupied with its war effort," Mr. Warburg said. "It is in keeping with Holland's traditional hospitality. It augurs well for the future of civilization that men and governments, even in the midst of the present chaos, can give heed to the distress of fellow men and offer them a helping hand."

Curacao Jews Seek Permanent Home For Refugees in Dominican Republic

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- A representative of the Jewish Committee in Curacao has left by plane to negotiate with the Dominican Republic Resettlement Association for admission to the Jewish agricultural colony in the Dominican Republic of the Jewish refugees who were given temporary haven here. Patrick H. Malin, of the International Immigration Service, meanwhile, has arrived in Curacao from the U.S.A. to confer with authorities on the possible permanent resettlement of the refugees elsewhere.

Dutch authorities in Curacao, who permitted the refugees to land on orders from the Dutch Government-in-Exile in London, installed most of the 35 women and 17 children among the refugees in the new sanitation service building in Willemstad, a well ventilated structure with a sea view. The men are staying in the Suffissant Military Encampment. Several women and children were sent to a hospital. The Government has barred all visitors except Rabbi I. J. Cardozo, head of the Jewish Committee formed to attend to the refugees' wants, and his wife. The ruling was explained as an effort to keep the refugees' presence from having any effect on the customs and normal life of the small island. The people of Curacao have approved the Government's providing a haven for the refugees.

NATION-WIDE CEREMONIES MARKING JEWISH BOOK WEEK START TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- Jewish educational institutions in all parts of the country will participate in the observance of the nation-wide "Jewish Book Week" which opens Sunday to last till Nov. 30. A three-day "Jewish Book Fair" will mark the event in New York. A display of Jewish books in English, Hebrew and Yiddish will be exhibited at the fair.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN MOBILIZES ITS BRANCHES FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA)-- The National Council of Jewish Women issued instructions to all of its 212 sections urging them to use their influence in their communities to help organize Civilian Defense Councils where there are none, and to cooperate with such Councils where they have already been set up. In addition, they have been asked to urge the organization of Volunteer Offices under the direction of the local Defense Councils, and to register the skills and available time which their individual members will offer to these Volunteer Offices.