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DISSOLUTION OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN FRANCE ANNOUNCED BY VICHY

BERNE, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- The dissolution of all Jewish organizations in occupied and unoccupied France and the establishment of a compulsory Union of French Jews which will serve as a centralized body for all Jewish affairs, functioning under the control of the French authorities, was announced today over the Lyons radio.

The announcement said that Jewish religious bodies will not be dissolved. "The government of Marshal Petain does not wish to infringe upon the freedom of religion and considers the Jewish problem not a religious one," the radio announcer said.

Reviewing in detail the latest anti-Jewish laws issued under the Petain regime, the broadcaster reported that henceforth Jews in France will not be allowed to own buildings, with the exception of the two percent who are permitted to practice their professions. Even these Jews will have to prove that the buildings are necessary for them to continue their activities. All other buildings which they lease or rent will have to be "liquidated" by the temporary administrators already appointed for this purpose.

JEWS ACTIVE IN YUGOSLAV GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST NAZIS, OFFICIAL REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Active Jewish participation in the guerilla warfare being waged against the Nazi occupation forces by the Yugoslav population, under the leadership of Colonel Brajan Michailovitch, was described here yesterday by Berenk Denitz, Yugoslav press officer in the Middle East, on the occasion of the celebration of Yugoslav Independence Day.

About 2,800 guerillas, including many Jews, were killed in the fighting during July and August, the press officer reported, while another 60,000 Yugoslavs and Jews have been executed by the Hungarian occupation authorities. On the Boulevard in Novised the Hungarians hung a Yugoslav or Jew to every tree, he stated. Two Jewish physicians, Dr. Moshe Aeiada and Dr. Alkalai are on the staff of Col. Michailovitch, Denitz added. They lead special units.

The Yugoslav representative revealed the interesting fact that the holy scrolls from the ancient Sarajevo synagogue, destroyed by the Nazis, are now safe in Michailovitch's headquarters in the hills. The scrolls were rescued from the burning synagogue through the efforts of Yugoslav and Jewish youths.

JULIUS STREICHER ARRIVES IN PARIS TO PUBLISH "STUERMER" THERE

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- The notorious Julius Streicher, of whom little has been heard since the outbreak of the war, has arrived in Paris to prepare for the publication of a French edition of his pornographic anti-Jewish publication "Der Stuermer," it is reported today in the London press. The report states that the first issue of the French "Stuermer" will appear on January 1. It will serve as an occasion for the launching of a large-scale anti-Semitic campaign in the Nazi-occupied part of France.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO SAVE POLISH JEWS IN SHANGHAI AS WAR LOOMS IN FAR EAST

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- With the imminent danger of war in the Far East threatening the position of several thousand Jewish refugees from Poland stranded in Shanghai, a Jewish delegation today visited the Polish Government here asking that steps be taken to enable the departure of as many Polish Jews from Shanghai as possible.

The delegation, representing the Council of Polish Jews, was received by the general secretary of the Polish Foreign Ministry, Kajetan Morawski, who assured them that all efforts will be made by the Polish Government to secure visas for at least 1,000 Polish Jews who are now in Shanghai and to do everything possible to protect the other Polish Jews there from any peril.

The London press today estimates the number of Jewish refugees in Shanghai to be more than 20,000, which is one-fourth of the total foreign population of Shanghai. The majority of these refugees are Jews from the Reich whom the Chinese call "New Jews" as distinguished from the old community of Russian, American, and Oriental Jews who have been in the city for many years.

Reporting that about 5,000 of these refugees - men, women and children - are spending their second winter in the refugee camps in Hongkew, the London newspapers paint a very gloomy picture of the condition of the majority of the other refugees, stating that they depend for subsistence upon free meals which they receive in the camps. The camps now only give one meal a day to their inhabitants and to needy people from outside, they report. The meal is given at noon time and consists of a bowl of vegetable soup and half a bread. Three times a week an egg is added. Tea is given in abundance, but it is months since the refugees ate their last piece of meat.

According to the reports in the London papers there are three large camps in the Hongkew section of Shanghai. Each shelters from 300 to 1,000 people and gives food to hundreds living outside. The one-meal-a-day regime was introduced about six months ago when local funds were exhausted. Almost all relief work is now being conducted on funds secured from the American Joint Distribution Committee.

ZIONIST LEADERS IN ENGLAND STILL HOPE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR A JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- No further negotiations are being conducted at present between the Jewish Agency and the British Government in connection with the formation of a Jewish army, but Zionist circles here seem to attach importance to the fact that the British Government has not formally withdrawn its previous acceptance, in principle, of the idea of a Jewish Army.

It was stated in authoritative Zionist quarters today that though the negotiations are deadlocked, it would be premature to make any forecast as to the ultimate success or failure of the project. Zionist leaders believe that the stipulation advanced by the British government that the members of the Jewish military forces must prove that they will be able to return to their countries of origin is not to be considered a serious obstacle for the realization of the plan for a Jewish Army should the negotiations be resumed.

SPECIAL STUDY SURVEYS POSITION OF JEWS IN 16 AXIS-DOMINATED COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- A balance sheet of what remains of Jewish life in Europe since the advent of Nazism is presented in the volume entitled "Jews in Nazi Europe," made public today by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, of which Dr. Jacob Robinson is the Director. The volume covers sixteen countries and describes what has happened to 8,500,000 Jews living in the countries which have now come under Nazi domination, including Greater Germany, Rumania, Hungary, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, France, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece and Finland.

LEON BLUM REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL; MENTAL BREAKDOWN FEARED

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Leon Blum, the imprisoned former French Prime Minister, was today reported to be "seriously ill." Some of the former members of the French Senate have appealed to Marshal Petain to transfer Blum from his place of banishment to a sanatorium, the press here stated. He is reported to be on the verge of a mental breakdown and in need of special medical treatment.

Simultaneously, it was disclosed here today that Blum's flat in Paris has been commandeered by German military officials, and his famous library there has been dispersed.

REORGANIZATION OF HISTADRUTH IN PALESTINE TO BE DECIDED AT CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Members of the Histadruth, Palestine Labor Federation, went to the polls today as election of 401 delegates to the Fifth Histadruth Conference began.

The chief issue of the campaign is reorganization of the Histadruth along the lines of the British Trade Union Federation. Such a change is supported by the parties opposing the Mapai, the Palestine Labor Party, which now holds a majority. The Mapai, however, is opposed to any change in the present status of the Histadruth, as a general trade union federation, not divided up into different trade locals. The entire Yishub is watching the labor contest with great interest.

At the polling places the voters were asked to choose from six lists of nominees, representing the different groups to which Histadruth members belong. The groups represented in the voting are: the Mapai, the Left Poale Zion, the Hashomer Hatzair, the Poale Zion, the Heoved Hazoni and the Proletarian group. It is expected that 100,000 workers will cast their votes in this election in comparison to the 27,000 who voted in the 1932 elections.

ZIONISTS APPEAL TO AMERICAN PUBLIC TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Admittedly disillusioned with the British Government's recent refusal to consent to the formation of a Jewish Army in Palestine after months of negotiations and promises, the Zionist Organization of America today announced its intention of switching its fight from the diplomatic council table to an open appeal for public support.

While reaffirming Jewish support of the British war effort, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Z.O.A. President, told a press conference the appeal for an end to the discrimination against Palestine soldiers "is the dictate of honor which must be heeded." Other speakers were Emanuel Neumann and Simon Shetzer, the Z.O.A.'s Executive Director.

"As Zionists and Americans and as true friends of Britain, it would be contrary to every sense of decency to maintain silence when an injustice is perpetrated which works injury not only to our cause, but to the cause of democracy as well," Judge Levinthal declared. The three official reasons given for the failure to permit the Jewish volunteers to fight under the Star of David - shortage of equipment, lack of shipping facilities and fear of Moslem resentment in the Near East - were denounced as "eyewash" by Neumann.

FIFTEEN JEWISH REFUGEES OF CURACAO TO BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- The State Department today authorized the granting of American immigration visas to fifteen of the 86 Jewish refugees who were recently permitted to temporarily land in Curacao, the Dutch West Indies.

TEL AVIV ALDERMAN SENTENCED FOR COMPARING HEBREW NEWSPAPER TO NAZI ORGAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- For stating that the Revisionist Hebrew daily newspaper "Hamashkiff" (The Observer) published here is a prototype of the Nazi organ Voelkischer Beobachter (People's Observer,) the municipal councillor Abraham Zabarski was today sentenced to pay a nominal fine of fifty mills, approximately twenty cents. The verdict was issued by Magistrate Herzl Rosenzweig.

GEN. SMUTS APPEALS TO AMERICA TO HELP JEWS ESTABLISH PALESTINE AS NATIONAL HOME

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, (JTA-Air Mail) - A direct appeal to the people of America to support the Jews in their demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish National Home was contained in the broadcast made here by General Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, on the 24th anniversary of Balfour Day.

Pointing out that Christian Europe and America must not forget the people who gave them "the greatest book in the world," Gen. Smuts urged that Palestine should be opened up as a National Home for the Jews instead of the terror of new ghettos in the twentieth century.

"The Balfour Declaration," he said, "is not dead. It still stands on rock foundations, and the structure that will arise from it will be greater than the Declaration itself. The Balfour Declaration is not a mere accident, a mere eccentricity of the Great War, but in its large historic setting and solemn legal form is one of the great acts of history. To the oppressed Jews it opened up the fulfillment of visions which poets had embodied in immortal language. What has happened to that promise? What has become of that dream?

"Jews were brought from all the lands of Europe," General Smuts continued, "waste places in Palestine were occupied, cleared, cleaned and put under cultivation. But since these promising beginnings there have been setbacks. Doubt and contention have once more arisen in high places in Palestine, though the hard and good work has gone on without pause.

"Beginning in Nazi Germany," he said, "a new horror of persecution started, in which the lassitude and frustration which overtook post-war Europe seemed to have found a scapegoat once more in the Jews, who found immigration laws everywhere barring their escape to other countries. New ghettos were arising which, in their misery and despair, outvalled the record of the Middle Ages. The calamities which have overtaken the post-war world generally have reached their climax in an anti-Semitic movement surpassing in dimensions and intensity anything known in history. The case for the Balfour Declaration has thus become overwhelmingly stronger. Instead of the terror of new ghettos in the 20th century, let us carry out the promise and open up a National Home. The case has become one not merely of promises and international law, but for the conscience of mankind.

"One of the by-products of the present world struggle was the emergence of the prospect of a large Arab Confederation in the Middle East," the South African Premier continued. "Why should not the settlement of the Jewish question and the National Home for the Jews be incorporated in that larger scheme? That might be the best chance of its final settlement.

"Man once more is fighting to the death for the holy things of his advance again a great people that has gone into rebellion against those things," said Gen. Smuts. "What those sacred things the human problem of the Jew is peculiarly linked up. Incidentally, it involves a definite promise on our part. Can Christian Europe and America forget the People of the Book, who gave them the greatest book in the world, the book in which the human soul has expressed itself as nowhere else in the world's literature?" he asked.