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JEWISH LEADERS IN GREECE, INCLUDING CHIEF RABBI, SENT TO NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

ANKARA, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- A reliable report reaching here today from Nazi-occupied Greece informs that Chief Rabbi Zvi-Hirsch Koretz of Athens, who was arrested by the occupational authorities, was recently transferred to a concentration camp near Vienna. Other prominent Jewish community leaders in Athens and Salonica were sent to the same camp.

The report describes the terrible conditions under which the Jews in occupied Greece live. The official bread allowance for Jews is one ounce a day, but even this meager ration is difficult to get because bread distribution in Athens and Salonica is very irregular. As a result, the report says, one can very often see Jews collapse on the street, dying of hunger. Some of the passers-by throw coins to the dying man or woman, and thousands of drachmas could be collected within a few hours, but money is of no use since one cannot buy any food for it. The few supplies available are sent to the Axis countries or are acquired by racketeers.

JEWISH-POPULATED DISTRICTS OF WOLHYNIA AND PODOLIA MERGED BY NAZIS INTO ONE PROVINCE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- The districts of Wolhynia and Podolia in the Nazi-occupied Ukraine, where the Jewish population constitutes a large percentage of the 4,500,000 people still reported to be there, have been merged by the Nazi administration into one province, it is reported in German newspapers reaching here today from Cracow. The Nazi commissar H. Schoene, who supervised the administration in the city of Rovno, Wolhynia, has been appointed commissar for the newly-created district.

The Nazi press also reports that changes have taken place in the Nazi administration in Galicia and that the police force in Poland has been reorganized and given powers far exceeding those necessary for the ordinary maintenance of order and security.

ZIONISTS AND REVISIONISTS IN SO. AFRICA APPEAL TO THEIR WORLD EXECUTIVES FOR UNITY

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- The Zionist Federation of So. Africa and the New Zionist Organization here today each addressed memorandums to their respective world executives asking for unity in the Zionist movement.

The memorandums point out that such unity can be achieved if the following conditions are accepted by the executives of both movements: 1. The NZO shall cease its existence and its members will enter the World Zionist Organization as a party on the basis of fair and adequate representation; 2. The NZO recognizes the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod, on the other hand the Shekel must be given free to all persons favoring the Zionist Basle Program, so that participation in the elections to Zionist Congresses will not be restricted only to those who pay for the Shekel.

ROOSEVELT INTERVENTION ASKED FOR JEWISH FORCE UNDER BRITISH OR ALLIED COMMAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- An appeal to President Roosevelt to secure "for the Jews in Palestine and for stateless Jews legally free to join with them" the right to organize a Jewish force under British command or under Allied command of the United Nations, was voiced here today in a resolution adopted at a mass meeting in Carnegie Hall arranged by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

The meeting, presided over by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, was addressed by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, by U.S. Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, Dr. Frank Kingdon and Congressman John Edward Sheridan of Pennsylvania. All speakers urged that Britain permit the formation of a Jewish military force to fight under British command and under its own flag and insignia. Mr. Ben-Gurion reported on the negotiations between Jewish leaders and the British Government regarding such a force.

The resolution adopted at the meeting emphasizes dissatisfaction with the British refusal to permit the Jews of Palestine to establish a force of their own to fight with the United Nations against the Axis on the Middle Eastern and other fronts, and appeals to President Roosevelt for intervention "in the name of the victory all free peoples are uniting to achieve." The resolution reads:

Full Text of the Zionist Appeal to President Roosevelt

"We, assembled in mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, fervently working and praying for the victory of America and the United Nations - the victory of truth, justice and freedom - express our grave concern over the continued refusal of the British Government to grant to the Jews of Palestine their rightful place and status as allies in our common struggle. The Holy Land, whence sprang humanity's noblest ideals, has been fated to constitute one of the most vital strategic areas in humanity's gravest trial. The Jews of Palestine stand eagerly prepared to give their energies, their resources, their lives to the service of the democratic cause and for the defense of the homeland they have reclaimed by their heroic toil. Today they are being denied the opportunity of full participation in the battle for civilization.

"We declare that the Jews of Palestine must be granted not only the opportunity to participate fully but the right to participate equally. They must be admitted to the war against barbarism not grudgingly, but in the full exercise of their right and status of a free people on its own soil. They, who have been so cruelly persecuted by Nazi tyranny, they who bled for freedom, demand a place on the firing line to play their part in the defeat of Nazism in their own name, under the inspiration of the ancient emblems of the Jewish people and in the dynamic recognition of the equality and freedom of all peoples.

"We therefore respectfully urge our beloved and revered President to use his good offices in conformity with the spirit and traditions of this country to help secure for the Jews of Palestine and for stateless Jews legally free to join with them, the right to organize a Jewish fighting force under British command or the Allied command of the United Nations. We urge such equal opportunity and recognition for the Jews of Palestine in the name of the victory all free peoples are uniting to achieve and the ideals to which they are dedicated."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, in his speech, pointed out that "the Jews of Palestine are prepared to make Palestine invulnerable," but ask that they "be enabled to fight as Jews, to die as Jews in defense of the Jewish Homeland and in defense of any and every place where the British army may choose to use the Jews of Palestine."

1,700 DYING JEWS RELEASED FROM NAZI CAMP IN FRANCE BECAUSE OF EPIDEMICS

LISBON, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- Epidemics which threatened to exterminate the 5,000 Jews interned at Drancy, the "camp of the living dead," in Nazi-held France, were responsible for the release from internment of about 1,700 men during the month of November, according to authoritative information received here. Virtually all those released were seriously ill and were hastily set at liberty so that their deaths would not appear on the camp records, it was learned.

The Drancy camp, reputed to be one of the worst internment centers in all Europe, is under the direction of the French police and its inmates are mainly Jews arrested during various street round-ups in Paris during the Autumn. Most of the "liberated" men are described as being in such physical condition that they are unable to leave their beds. One of them, according to a highly reliable source, weighed only 33 kilos (about 75 pounds) on release as a result of the ravages of disease, lack of food and living conditions beyond description. All the released internees lost between 50 and 50 pounds in weight during their period of internment and hundreds of them required immediate hospitalization. Several cases were recorded where these released prisoners died as they were being taken directly from the camp to hospital.

A large number of the Drancy internees were Jews arrested on the streets of Paris during August and rushed off to the concentration camp without the chance to take along clothing and other necessities. No clothing was furnished them in the camp and they were forbidden to receive parcels until the beginning of November. Most of them had no beds in the camp except the cement floor of the barracks. The more fortunate ones had plank beds. Only those who were arrested in their homes and had the foresight to take along blankets, had any protection at all against the cold.

PALESTINE POLICE PUBLISH PHOTOS OF JEWS WANTED FOR TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- The Palestine police today published in the press here photographs of seven men wanted in connection with recent terroristic activities in the country, specifically the bomb explosion in Tel Aviv on January 20, which took the lives of three policemen.

The fugitives who are being sought by the authorities are: Abraham Ben Mordechai Stern, alias Yair, who police charge is the leader of the terrorists; Jacob Polenin, alias Polenoff; Nachman Shulman; Benjamin Zeroni, alias Yavniel, alias Avini, alias Kerner; Hanoeh Sterlitz; Aaron Zukerman, alias Asch, alias Haivri and A. Meiri. It is believed that Meiri was one of the two men who died in the Jaffa hospital this week after being wounded in an exchange of shots with police who came to arrest him and three others in a house in Tel Aviv.

CONFERENCE OF ORTHODOX JEWISH YOUTH IN LONDON ADOPTS PRO-RUSSIAN RESOLUTION

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- Admiration for the courage and determination with which the Soviet armies are battling the Germans and the hope that Russian Jewry will soon be enabled "to contribute to the upbuilding of Palestine" is voiced in a resolution adopted here today at a conference of the Jewish Orthodox Pioneer Organization known as the Brith Halutzim Datiim of Britain.

The conference also adopted a resolution of greetings to members of the organization in all parts of the British empire, expressing the hope that their sacrifices "will be rewarded by a speedy formation of a Jewish Army." Another resolution offers whatever help possible to the United Nations.

FRANK L. WEIL NAMED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, was today named vice-president of the United Service Organizations, succeeding John M. Schiff, who entered upon active duty with the United States Navy yesterday.

Walter N. Rothschild was elected to succeed Lieutenant Schiff as chairman of the Army and Navy Committee of the JWB. Carl M. Loeb, Jr., was named treasurer of the JWB to replace Frederick L. Ehrman, who also entered active service as a Lieutenant in the Navy.

Lieutenant Schiff assumed the duties of Army and Navy Committee chairman for the Jewish Welfare Board a year ago, following Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler's resignation to become commanding officer of the 113th Infantry Regiment.

JEWISH INDUSTRIALIST PLEDGES \$1,000 AWARD FOR EVERY JAPANESE SHIP SUNK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- The sinking of any Japanese ship over 6,000 tons by a U. S. ship, aircraft or coast artillery will net the crew of the vessel, plane or battery the sum of \$1,000, to be donated by Ralph M. Levey, New York Jewish industrialist. This was made known here by the White House in acknowledging the receipt by the President of the first \$1,000 check from Mr. Levey.

Mr. Levey had previously announced that he would present \$200 to every naval crew that sinks a submarine off the North Atlantic coast, with an additional \$100 to go to the Navy Relief Fund if an enemy undersea craft is destroyed within a month.

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE TO AID REFUGEES APPLY FOR IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- The National Refugee Service today advised refugees throughout the country to pay special attention to question 15 in filling-out their certificates of identification as requested by the Department of Justice. In this question aliens are asked for explanations of the circumstances under which they left their native country. The answer to this question may serve as the basis for reclassification. A special staff has been assigned by the NRS to assist refugees in filling-out their applications.

FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY PROTESTS ADMISSION OF CHRISTIAN FRONT LEADER TO THE BAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA)-- Gregory F. Noonan, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, yesterday protested to the Special Committee of the Brooklyn Character Committee against the admission to the Bar of John F. Cassidy, Brooklyn Christian Front Leader.

Mr. Noonan stated: "Certainly, more is required for admission to the Bar than an acquittal by a jury for conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, as is the case of Mr. Cassidy. If the Bar is to remain a profession cloaked with dignity and respect, men of Cassidy's ilk must not be allowed to enter its sacred portals.

"If Cassidy is admitted to the Bar, then I respectfully submit there is no function for a Character Committee. Notice will then have been served to applicants that an academic training is all that is necessary for admission to the Bar, and character is not one of the required attributes of a lawyer."