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LONDON ADMITS SOME OF MUFTI'S FOLLOWERS PERMITTED TO RETURN TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Authoritative circles in London today admitted that some Arab leaders who were attached to the ex-Mufti's entourage and who escaped with him first from Iraq and later from Iran have been permitted to return to Palestine.

Disclosing that a large number of the ex-Mufti's followers fell into the hands of the British military command when the British troops entered Iran, these London circles emphasized that only a small number of them have been allowed to re-enter Palestine, and only those who are considered "politically harmless."

"The other followers of the ex-Mufti who were captured in Iraq and Iran have been deported by the British authorities for internment in a place the name of which cannot be divulged," it was stated here today. "The decision to allow harmless followers of the ex-Mufti to return to Palestine does not denote any change in the British policy towards Palestine or towards the Arab people there," it was added.

The same authoritative circles today emphasized that permission to return to Palestine has not been given to Jamal Husseini, the ex-Mufti's nephew who is notoriously anti-British, anti-Jewish and pro-Axis. It was definitely stated that Jamal Husseini is now being held by the British. A report from Moscow yesterday that Husseini had been arrested by the Turkish authorities on the charge of pro-Nazi espionage, apparently referred to one of the numerous nephews of the ex-Mufti who was rounded up together with other Arab leaders by the Turkish authorities, it was explained here.

Anti-British propaganda broadcasts for the Arab countries which are now supervised by the ex-Mufti from Berlin and Rome have been greatly increased during the past few days with the Italian-controlled radio station in Athens sending out the major broadcasts in Arabic. It is believed here that though the ex-Mufti is not in Athens, he has set up powerful propaganda machinery there, making Athens the center from where he keeps in contact with his illegal groups in various Arab lands.

NAZI MILITARY AUTHORITIES PROCLAIM SPECIAL CURFEW FOR JEWS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

BERNE, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- A special curfew for Jews was proclaimed yesterday by the German military authorities throughout occupied France, it is reported here today by the Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, official Nazi news agency. No Jew is permitted to leave his home after eight o'clock in the evening.

Paris newspapers reaching here today report that Jews of all ages are being ordered to forced labor by the occupational authorities in France, chiefly clearing streets and roads of snow. Some of the newspapers, particularly those who opposed Leon Blum when he was French Premier, carry inciting articles against Blum in connection with his trial which is scheduled to open in Rome next week.

WAR FAILED TO STOP ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA, ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Results of an investigation by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of the extent of anti-Jewish propaganda still being conducted in the United States were made public here today revealing that "the war has failed to stop pro-Nazi propaganda" in this country.

"In the New York area, Lieutenant-General Count Cherep-Spiridovich continues to sent out his diatribes against the Jews," the report on the investigation says. "Another member of the 'religious front' is Col. E. N. Sanctuary, who is president of the 146th street Mission in the Bronx." The report charges Col. Sanctuary with disseminating the book "The Hidden Hand" which is an elaboration of the forged "Protocols of Zion," also the anti-Semitic books "The Holy See and the Jews" and the "Talmud Unmasked."

The Anti-Nazi League has learned that Colonel Sanctuary is one of the key-men in Ku Klux Klan intrigues in the New York area. He shares an apartment with a "Colonel" Winfield Jones in New York, which is also advertised in the Ku Klux Klan monthly, The Fiery Cross, as the address of the Tocsin Press, publishers of the official "Klan Book."

"It is not generally known that the Klan is active not only in the South but in the East as well, particularly in New Jersey and up-state New York," the Anti-Nazi League reports. The Klan is still circulating the forged "Oath of Membership in the Knights of Columbus" which, like the equally false "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," has long been used to create religious hatred. Just as the "Protocols" have been employed to arouse anti-Semitic feeling, the "Oath" has been one of the Klan's mainstays in developing anti-Catholic prejudice.

The report also lists the names of leaders of other anti-Semitic groups who are still continuing their activities. It concludes by appealing to the Government to put an end to the work of these organizations.

Nazi Paper in Mexico Still Circulating "The International Jew"

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Spanish translations of the pamphlet "The International Jew," the author of which, Henry Ford, recently requested the Mexican government to have them withdrawn from circulation, are still being advertised in the Fascist newspaper Vanguardia, here. This paper also "highly recommends" the Protocols of Zion.

Vanguardia openly carries a swastika on its masthead and contains frequent anti-American and anti-Jewish articles. The paper is edited by Ruben Moreno Padres, who was jailed some time ago on the charge that he was connected with Dr. Goebbels Nazi propaganda machine. In an editorial in the same issue that carries the advertisement for the anti-Semitic pamphlets and other anti-Jewish articles, Moreno alleges that his arrest was due to his having been "sold out to international Jewry."

BRITISH ZIONISTS DECIDE TO LAUNCH A UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Emulating the successful Zionist fund-raising activities in the United States, the British Zionists have decided to launch a "United Palestine Appeal" at the beginning of next fiscal year, it was announced here today.

The proposal was made by the Jewish National Fund at a joint meeting with the Keren Hayesod yesterday. While it was considered impractical to attempt to initiate such an Appeal this year, the meeting decided to set up a joint committee to make a detailed study of the possibilities of creating a United Appeal for the coming financial year.

769 JEWS FROM ROMANIA REACH TURKEY ON SINKING FREIGHTER AFTER EVENTFUL VOYAGE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- The tragic story of 769 Rumanian Jews who reached Turkish shores aboard a freighter equipped to carry only 120 people, after a trip in which two of the passengers were driven insane and the others either became ill or had to man the pumps for twenty-four hour stretches when the engines were damaged, was reported today to the Jewish Agency for Palestine in a cable from Istanbul, asking the Agency to secure permission for the wanderers to enter Palestine.

Many of the refugees are Jews who escaped from the ghetto in Czernovitz, capital of Bukovina. Others are wealthy people having deposits in Palestine and American banks. They are now jammed aboard the freighter "Strume" on which they reached Istanbul after their eventful voyage and their only hope is to be admitted into Palestine.

The sanitary conditions on the freighter are reported to be frightful in view of the overcrowding of the vessel. Of the 769 refugees on board, only twenty were allowed on deck at one time for fresh air, since the captain feared that the freighter might capsize. In the middle of the voyage, when the freighter was in the stormy waters of the Black Sea, the engines and the radio were damaged by a storm and water began to pour into the vessel. The refugees fighting for their lives had to man the pumps constantly until the captain succeeded in bringing the freighter into a Turkish port.

Three Bulgarian Jewish families numbering fifteen people today reached Palestine via Turkey and Syria after a miraculous escape from Bulgaria. Six Rumanian Jews also arrived today from Turkey after having their expired Palestine visas renewed by the British consular authorities there.

CZECHS WARNED THEIR TELEPHONES WILL BE REMOVED IF USED BY JEWS

ZURICH, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Telephone subscribers in Prague, where Jews are barred from having telephones, were warned today that if they allow Jews to use their phones, or transmit messages for Jews, their service will be discontinued.

An announcement of the Postal Department, published in the Prague daily Neue Tag, states: "It has been established that many telephone subscribers have given Jews permission to make use of their telephones. The Postal Administration, therefore, draws attention to the fact that such conduct is not permitted and will result in the discontinuance of service. It is also unlawful to transmit any message over the telephone on behalf of Jews."

JUDAH MAGNES WILL LECTURE ON LINCOLN IN JERUSALEM TODAY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- A lecture on Abraham Lincoln will be given tomorrow, on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday, by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, at the YMCA hall there.

Dr. Magnes will be introduced by Sir Harold MacMichael, British High Commissioner for Palestine. Members of the consular corps here and other prominent British and allied officials have been invited to attend.

CANADA PERMITS NATURALIZED CITIZENS TO JOIN REFUGEE ARMIES

OTTAWA, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- The Canadian government has decided to permit men who come here from Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium or Czechoslovakia and now are naturalized Canadians, to join forces being raised in Canada by recognized governments of their native lands, it was announced today.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS HONOR NATHAN GESANG FOR HIS SERVICES TO ARGENTINE JEWRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Leaders of Jewish organizations in America today honored Mr. Nathan Gesang, one of the most prominent Jewish personalities in Argentina, at a luncheon tendered him at the Hotel Sharon by Ezra Teubal, chairman of the Argentine Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Dr. David de Sola Pool, who presided at the luncheon, emphasized the great services rendered by Mr. Gesang to the Zionist cause and to the Jewish community of Argentina of which he is a leader. The role of Mr. Gesang in promoting the "good neighbor" policy between the Jews of Latin America and the Jews of the United States was pointed out by Dr. Nahum Goldman who spoke in behalf of the World Jewish Congress.

Mr. Teubal, the principal speaker, who is himself one of the outstanding figures in Argentina's Jewish life, characterized Mr. Gesang as one of the few builders of Jewish communal life in Argentina. "It is due to Mr. Gesang's unceasing work that the Jewish Community of Argentina has been imbued with a sense of Jewish consciousness and responsibility, and has taken its place among all other Jewish communities which shoulder the many burdens with which we are confronted," Mr. Teubal said.

"Mr. Gesang," he continued, "came to Argentina more than thirty years ago and devoted himself with real enthusiasm and ability to every meritorious Jewish cause. It is due to Mr. Gesang that the Zionist movement has taken the lead in Argentina, that substantial sums have been collected every year in Argentina for the upbuilding of Palestine. His wise counsel, his moderation, his statesmanlike conduct whenever difficult problems arose have endeared him to all members of our community."

Argentine Leaders Call for Jewish Unity in America

Expressing the hope that "the end of this war will see the realization of the Balfour Declaration and that a Jewish Palestine will at last emerge," Mr. Teubal pointed out that unity in Jewry is now the most essential need of the time. "On behalf of Argentine Jewry I most earnestly wish to appeal to American Jewish leadership for united action," he said. "We in South America require your cooperation in order to cope with many problems, and particularly the problem of fighting anti-Semitism, which vicious Nazi propaganda has intensified."

Mr. Gesang, in replying to the speakers, emphasized that the Jews of the American continent are now, more than ever before, responsible for the future of the Jews in the entire world. Only in this hemisphere do the Jews enjoy the blessing of freedom, he declared, stating that they should, therefore, mobilize all their forces for the good of the millions of Jews who are suffering under the ruthless enemy who wishes to destroy the Jews of the world in the literal sense of the word. He called upon the Jews in America to close their ranks and to refrain from indulging in fratricidal strife. Ideological differences, he declared, must now be relegated to the background. He concluded by praising organized Jewish life in America with which he became acquainted during his stay here by visiting Jewish institutions.

Zalman Schneur, the Jewish poet, spoke of Mr. Gesang's deep interest in all phases of Jewish life and read a Hebrew poem dedicated to him.

HADASSAH CONVENES "EMERGENCY WAR COUNCIL" FOR SESSION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA)-- Members of the national board of senior Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, representing a constituency of 80,000, will gather here from all parts of the United States for a three day "emergency war council" beginning Sunday, February 15, and concluding Tuesday, February 17, it was announced today by the Hadassah headquarters.