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LAST JEWISH STORES IN TRONDHEIM CLOSED; ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE IN NORWAY INTENSIFIED

STOCKHOLM, March 10. (JTA)-- The last few Jewish stores that remained open in the Norwegian city of Trondheim were closed last week by order of the Quisling authorities, it was learned here today.

The news of the execution of four Norwegian Jews in Trondheim on Sunday on the charge that they were listening to British broadcasts from London is prominently featured in the Nazi-controlled Norwegian press. The Quisling newspapers are using these executions as a pretext for indulging in intensified anti-Jewish propaganda.

Accusing the Jews of being "British agents," the pro-Nazi publications in Norway warn the Norwegian population against showing any signs of sympathy for Jews. "Whoever is for the Jews is an enemy of Norway," is the new slogan under which the Quisling press carries on its anti-Jewish campaign. Some of the Quisling newspapers openly demand the deportation of all Jews from Norway along the same lines as this is being done in Germany.

PALESTINE ASSEMBLY ISSUES MANIFESTO ASKING WORLD DEMOCRACIES TO AID JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA)-- The Jewish Constituent Assembly of Palestine, meeting here today for the first time in nine years, issued a manifesto to the democratic nations of the world, urging them to give shelter to Jews "escaping from the sword of Hitler, and struggling between life and death on sea, on land, in the hills and in the woods."

"For years," the manifesto says, "Hitler shed our blood and trampled Israel's honor. But humanity remained unmoved and did not intervene until Hitler lifted his sword against every nation and brought the world to the brink of an abyss." It tells of the "tens of thousands of Jewish men and women who have enlisted in the holy war" in the ranks of the British, American, Polish and other armies, and of the fight for their lives which the Jews are carrying on in the Nazi-occupied countries.

Emphasizing that the Nazi-persecuted Jewish communities in Europe "wear the yellow badge with pride, hoping that the day is not far when the Hitler regime will be destroyed," the manifesto concludes with an appeal to the freedom-loving nations "not to keep silent at the shedding of our blood and not to avert their eyes from our human rights."

EXPULSION OF ALL JEWS FROM PARIS IS DEMANDED BY NAZI NEWSPAPER

VICHY, March 10. (JTA)-- An appeal to the Nazi military authorities in Paris to expel all Jews from the French capital is voiced in the *Pariser Zeitung*, a Nazi newspaper, reaching here today from Paris. "The presence of Jews in Paris is an insult to the French population," the appeal says. The same paper reports that many Paris restaurants no longer admit Jews.

CRANBORNE ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY

LONDON, March 10. (JTA)-- "Full responsibility" for the policy of the Palestine administration was accepted here today by the new Colonial Minister Lord Cranborne speaking in the House of Lords and replying to Lord Davies and Lord Wedgwood who strongly attacked the policy of appeasing the Arabs at the expense of the Jews, and the general anti-Jewish trend of the Palestine government.

Declaring that it was impossible to differentiate between the policy of the Palestine administration and that of the British government, Cranborne declined to make a government statement concerning Palestine "at this time when it couldn't possibly do any good and might be fraught with danger." He expressed the belief that "in doing so I feel I will receive the support of the overwhelming majority of your lordships."

He added that the government could not take any measures that would undermine the policy regarding illegal immigration but assured the Lords that "the government is as horrified as any of the Lords at the tragedy of the Strume and would do all possible to prevent this happening again though I cannot tell what steps will be taken. That must depend on time and circumstances."

Lord Davies linked the Strume case with the recent admission of many of the followers of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem into Palestine. He characterized the refusal to admit the Strume passengers as "stupid, callous and inhuman" and stated that the "only reason for that refusal was to curry favor with Arab recalcitrants."

JEWISH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN NAZI POLAND REPORTED TO FUNCTION IN SIXTY CENTERS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA)-- The Jewish underground movement in Nazi-held Poland is conducted in nearly 60 cities and towns, according to a report published here today by the Jewish Scientific Institute.

The report, based on information reaching the Institute from Poland says that "the task is being performed with self-sacrifice beyond belief" and that all anti-Nazi underground activities in the Government General are united under a central leadership.

Two weekly magazines for adults and special underground journals for the young are published by the Jewish underground movement in Poland, according to S. Mendelsohn, who compiled the report. "No one can get through the ghetto wall, but Jewish and Polish working men have dug an underground connection and have shaken hands," the report says.

The report also emphasizes the fact that the underground movement keeps the Jewish population in Poland informed of resistance to the Nazis in occupied countries and inculcates in Polish Jews the belief that though they are persecuted, a majority will survive to see the final defeat of Hitlerism.

A detailed many-sided account of Jewish life in the Warsaw ghetto was also published this week by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of which Dr. Jacob Robinson is director. The account deals with the administrative structure of the ghetto as well as with the daily life there as it is conducted under the Nazi regime.

It points out that behind the facade of mock self-government vested in the Jewish Council by the Nazis, the Warsaw ghetto is in reality the world's largest concentration camp where, however, the prisoners must pay taxes, their skilled craftsmen must produce articles that the Germans demand, and others must toil in Nazi labor gangs.

NAZI DEFEAT MEANS JEWS WILL MERCILESSLY MASSACRE GERMANS, HITLER'S ORGAN WARNS

ZURICH, March 10. (JTA)-- Germans and sympathizers of Nazi-Germany in Axis countries are warned in the Voelkischer Beobachter, Hitler's chief organ, that should Germany lose the present war, the entire European continent will be drowned in a flood of blood through pogroms which will be carried out by "revengeful Jews."

"Should the Jews ever again succeed in becoming the rulers of Europe, then blood will run from one end of the continent to the other," the leading Nazi newspaper writes. The paper attributes the present difficulties of the German armies on the Soviet front to "Jewish hatred." The Soviet scorched earth policy is "a policy to destroy anything that does not fall under Jewish yoke," the article says.

In order to make its warning to the Germans more impressive, the Voelkischer Beobachter publishes a report of the following incident which allegedly took place in Rumania. A Rumanian soldier, the Nazi paper relates, "offered his portion of bread to a hungry Jewish child. The mother of the child, however, threw the bread away furiously telling the Rumanian soldier that he need not have any pity, because the Jews too will display no pity. "When the wheel turns around, there will be nothing left of you Rumanians to pity," the Jewish mother of the starving child is quoted as saying: "The moral of this small incident should be clear to every German," the Nazi organ points out.. "Should the Jews ever again come to power the European continent will be one huge river of blood."

1,000 REFUGEES ENABLED BY J.D.C. TO LEAVE EUROPE THIS MONTH

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA)-- Approximately 1,000 refugees will leave European shores bound for the Western Hemisphere during the month of March, it was revealed today by the Joint Distribution Committee. The departure of these emigrants will bring to approximately 5,200 the number of Jews evacuated from Europe by the J.D.C. since Pearl Harbor.

Although the names of the boats and the exact sailing dates cannot be revealed due to censorship regulations, Moses A. Leavitt, Secretary of the J.D.C., announced that, in the course of the month, two Portuguese steamers will leave from Lisbon with 560 and 400 passengers, respectively. Some 75 refugees who were stranded in Spain as a result of the cancellation of a scheduled sailing by a Spanish steamer, will be enabled by the J.D.C. to complete their voyage on one of the Portuguese vessels. Mr. Leavitt said once the March sailings have been completed, the J.D.C. will arrange for another boat to carry approximately 500 visa-holders in France to their destination.

POST-WAR SOLUTION OF JEWISH PROBLEM IN HANDS OF U.S., BRITAIN, SILVER STATES

LONDON, March 10. (JTA)-- The entrance of the United States into the war has brought American and British Jewry closer together and they must now act as one body, declared Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, president of the United Palestine Appeal, speaking at a press conference this afternoon. The solution of the post-war Jewish problem "is in the hands of Britain and the United States," he stated.

Rabbi Silver, who arrived here yesterday from New York for important conferences with British Jewish leaders, stated that Jews await the future peace with mixed emotions. "We assume political rights will be restored to Jews as to all others, but we also know that political guarantees furnish no immunity against economic and social pressure," he said. He stressed Palestine's capacity to absorb a million and a half Jews within the next ten or fifteen years and deplored the difficulties placed in the way of the realization of the Balfour Declaration during the last twenty years.

DR. ROSEN LEAVES FOR SOSUA; JDC SENDS MATZOHS FOR REFUGEES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MIAMI, March 10. (JTA)-- Dr. Joseph Rosen, chairman of the executive committee of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, today left here for the Dominican Republic to inspect the refugee colonization work in the Jewish colony of Sosua there. He will remain in Sosua for several weeks.

A large group of Jewish refugees from Europe are expected to reach the Dominican Republic in the next few days. The Joint Distribution Committee announced today that it has sent a shipment of matzohe to the Sosua colony which will reach the refugees there in sufficient time for Passover.

B'NAI B'RITH STARTS PUBLICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES MAGAZINE

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA)-- The first issue of "Career News," a bi-monthly newspaper of current occupational information for young Jewish people was published here this week by the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Bureau. The paper, which will carry data on training and employment opportunities in war industries and on the new job outlook for women, is edited by Max F. Baer, director of the Bureau.

Irving Levitas, national educational director of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith youth organization, and Rabbi Max D. Eichorn, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Florida College for Women, resigned this week to join the United States Army. Both B'nai B'rith officials enlisted, Levitas as a buck private, and Eichorn as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Chaplains Corp. Milton Mehl, Ft. Worth, Texas, member of the Supreme Advisory Council of AZA, and Bernard Cohen, Baltimore, District director of AZA, have also left their AZA posts to go into the Army.

PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION SENDS \$20,000 FOR "VICTORY FARM" IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA)-- The sum of \$20,000 was cabled this week by the Pioneer Women's Organization of America to the Working Women's Council in Palestine, it was announced here last night at the opening of the Spring Bazaar of the New York section of the organization.

The proceeds of the Bazaar will be used both for American war relief and for the relief of refugees in Palestine. The \$20,000 will be utilized for the establishment of the new "victory" farm announced at the fifth national conference of the organized Jewish working women of Palestine held last week in Tel Aviv. The Pioneer Women's Organization has 225 sections in the United States and Canada.

HOROWITZ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF BRITISH ZIONISTS, RECOVERING FROM OPERATION HERE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA)-- Phineas Horowitz, vice-president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, who is now on a visit in this country, has undergone a successful operation in Mt. Sinai hospital here, it was revealed today, and is now convalescing.

KERENSKY EULOGIZES DR. BRAMSON AT MEMORIAL MEETING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA)-- Alexander Kerensky, who headed the provisional government of Russia from April to October, 1917, last night addressed a memorial meeting called here by the American ORT and the Union of Rumanian Jews to mark the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Leon Bramson, late president of the World ORT. Kerensky recalled the part played by Dr. Bramson in bringing about the emancipation of Russian Jewry. Dr. Jules Brutzkus, OSE leader, presided at the meeting.