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JAPAN ARRESTS ALL JEWISH REFUGEES IN DUTCH EAST INDIES; CURFEW ON JEWS IN JAVA

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)-- The Netherlands Government-in-exile today received information that all Jewish refugees from Germany and Nazi-occupied countries have been arrested by the Japanese authorities in the Dutch East Indies. The arrests took place in cooperation with Gestapo officials.

In Java, a curfew has been imposed upon Jews. The Jewish inhabitants there were informed that they are not permitted to leave their homes between 8 o'clock in the evening and 5 o'clock in the morning.

LUBLIN GHETTOS CLOSED FOR NEW DEPORTEES; NEW GHETTO OPENED IN SAMBOR

STOCKHOLM, April 10. (JTA)-- The two Jewish ghettos in Lublin, Nazi-held Poland, will no longer accept Jewish deportees, it was officially announced by local Nazi authorities, according to information reaching here today. The announcement explained that there is no more room in the ghettos for newcomers since thousands have already been jammed into all available living quarters in segregated districts.

At the same time, it is reported in the Nazi-controlled Polish newspaper Goniec Krakowski that a ghetto has been established for Jews in the city of Sambor, Galicia. All Jews in Sambor living on Kosciusko, Mikalaja, Reja, Sobieskiego and Holowki streets have been ordered to move to the ghetto which is situated in the Bluch quarter of the city. For the time being Jewish doctors have been exempted from this edict.

In an attempt to restrict the use of the meager medical supplies in Poland to those who can be used for slave labor, the German occupation officials have ordered that medicine may be distributed only to Jews between the ages of five and fifty-five, advices from Poland disclose. The order applies to patients in hospitals and those being treated by private physicians. Doctors and pharmacists have been warned that their licenses will be rescinded if they are caught violating the regulation.

Jews Executed on Charges of Forming Partisan Unit

Two unnamed Jews, a father and son, have been executed in Katowice, Silesia allegedly for forming a partisan detachment to fight the Germans near the town of Sztrokawa, Nazi papers which reached here today report. The Deutsche Zeitung im Ostland reports that another unnamed Jew was killed by a Nazi policeman while attempting to slip from the ghetto in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Meanwhile, executions of Jews for leaving the ghettos in Poland without Nazi permission continue. In Radom and Kielce ten Jews were sentenced to death for this offense, the Goniec Krakowski reveals. A Nazi special tribunal in Czestochowa ordered the execution of a Jewish girl, Rachel Lewandowska, who was caught outside the ghetto confines. This girl was hanged, the Gracow paper reports.

MILLIONS OF POLISH JEWS WITHOUT MATZOHS DURING PASSOVER

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)-- Millions of Jews in Poland spent a matzohless Passover this year, according to information reaching official Polish quarters today. Frantic efforts to secure at least a small amount of wheat flour were unavailing.

The Warsaw Jewish community council, which made repeated attempts to obtain some flour, was informed by the German authorities that a little would be sent them. But the flour never arrived. The double ration of potatoes and cabbage which the Nazis allowed to be distributed during Passover week did not make up for the lack of matzo, the advice from Warsaw state. Jewish soup kitchens were ordered to distribute cabbage, potatoes, soup and bread in order to keep the ghetto population from starvation, but the overwhelming majority of the Jews refused to accept the bread in lieu of matzo, preferring to go hungry.

The same situation existed throughout Poland. Insistent appeals by the Jewish council in the town of Amszynow in central Poland is believed to be the reason for the arrest of twelve members of the council's board who were sent to a concentration camp. The arrest took place just before Passover, when a detachment of Gestapo agents raided the council building while the board was meeting, and after searching those present loaded them into a police van in which they were transported to the camp. The chairman of the council, however, was first taken to Gestapo headquarters where he was beaten. The families of the arrested men were not informed that the victims had been sent to the camp until twenty-four hours after they had left the city.

REFUGEES FROM AUSTRALIA, INDIA, EGYPT ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA)-- Contingents of German Jewish refugees who had been interned in Australia and Polish Jewish refugees who had journeyed through India and Egypt arrived here today after tortuous journeys lasting several months in some cases.

The German refugees had been interned in Britain originally and were subsequently sent to Australia. En route there the ship on which they were travelling was twice attacked by submarines but succeeded in escaping, they revealed today. Through the efforts of the Jewish Agency, Palestine immigration certificates were secured for them and they were released from internment in Australia some time in February.

SLOVAKIA TO OUST JEWISH PATIENTS FROM HOSPITALS FOR DEPORTATION TO EASTERN EUROPE

ZURICH, April 10. (JTA)-- Jewish patients in Slovak hospitals will be taken from their beds and deported to Poland and Nazi-held sections of the Soviet Union, it was revealed today in the Gardista, organ of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovakian storm troop organization.

Sanc Mach, Minister of Interior, who is in charge of Jewish affairs, has appointed special medical commissions to sort out Jewish patients in public and private hospitals in order to determine the "genuineness" of their ailments, Gardista reports. Explaining the move, Mach stated that the hospitals were crowded with an unusually large number of Jews. He implied that these Jews had gone to the hospitals to escape deportation.

The Minister of Interior also announced that the first contingents of Jews to be deported will include Jews who have been recently baptized. He pointed out that the anti-Jewish measures apply to whomever is considered a Jew under the Jewish Code, regardless of what faith they now profess.

JEWISH LIFE IN SOVIET RUSSIA PICTURED BY MOSCOW JEW REACHING LONDON

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)-- A many-sided account of Jewish life in Soviet Russia under wartime conditions was given here today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a Soviet Jew who reached Britain from Moscow on an important mission, together with a number of other Soviet officials.

"The Germans," he said, "are making a great effort to reach the Soviet population with anti-Semitic propaganda through the radio and by dropping leaflets from airplanes over Moscow and other Soviet cities. Their activities, however, are fruitless. The Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda is either ignored or ridiculed by the Soviet people."

Relating how the Jews in Moscow spent Passover, the Soviet Jewish official stated that the problem of matzo's did not exist in Moscow this year. "One can now buy matzo's all year round in the Government cooperative stores," he said. He added that a number of Jewish cooperative restaurants are now open in Moscow serving Jewish traditional dishes. They are always crowded with guests, he stated.

Soviet Jews Sympathize with Jewish Labor in Palestine

"As to the attitude toward Zionism," the Moscow official continued, "there is no doubt that the Jews in the Soviet Union sympathize with the Jewish workers in Palestine. I did not meet any Zionists among the Soviet Jews and I believe that there are none in our country, since no Jew seeks to emigrate from the U.S.S.R. to Palestine. The Jews in Moscow have little information about the actual state of affairs in Palestine, except that they are under the impression that there is constant friction between the Jews and the Arabs there as a result of instigation by foreign forces."

"All able-bodied Jews remained in Moscow on war jobs during the difficult days which our capital faced," he related. "Many of them took up positions on barricades and in civil defense services during the time when the enemy was at the gates of the city. It is impossible to give any figures on the number of Jews fighting in the ranks of the Red Army, but the total is very large and they are fighting with great courage and heroism. One can also find many Jewish doctors, engineers and technicians at the front. Every Jew in the U.S.S.R. feels that he has something to fight for, and is contributing his share to the war effort with great zeal and devotion."

The Soviet Jewish official also spoke of the synagogues which he said are functioning undisturbed throughout Soviet Russia. He emphasized that Jews are playing an important part in the development of Soviet science, art and inventions.

GREECE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER JEWS' ROLE IN FIGHT AGAINST NAZIS, PREMIER STATES

JERUSALEM, (JTA)-- Premier Emmanuel Tsouderos of Greece, who is here on a tour of inspection of Greek forces stationed in Palestine, today visited Chief Rabb Herzog and Uziel and conveyed to them greetings from King George of Greece.

The Greek premier stated that "Greeks will always remember that the Jews fought shoulder to shoulder with their Greek comrades in defense of the motherland and the government is aware of their sufferings along side their Greek brothers."

INDICTMENT OF MORE SUBVERSIVE ANTI-SEMITIC ELEMENTS WILL FOLLOW PELLEY TRIAL

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA)-- William Dudley Pelley and George Christians, the two anti-Semitic propagandists who have been arrested and indicted on charges of sedition, will soon face trial, it was learned here today. It was pointed out that should the courts convict them, a legal precedent will be established which will make it easier for the Justice Dept. to proceed against other subversive elements with fair assurance that they will be sent to jail.

Although the Justice Dept. never officially makes public the names of suspects under investigation until after their arrest, it was learned reliably that, among others, these men are now under scrutiny by F.B.I. agents:

1 - E. J. Garner of Wichita, Kansas, editor of "Publicity" an anti-Roosevelt, anti-British, anti-Semitic publication which recently said that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was "probably provoked" and whose every issue accuses the Administration of lying to the people about the war.

2 - Court Asher of Muncie, Ind., editor of the "X-Ray." Asher's editorial "line" is very similar to that of Garner: anti-Roosevelt, anti-British, anti-Russian, anti-Jewish.

3 - Charles B. Hudson of Omaha, Neb., editor of a weekly called "America in Danger." Hudson was jailed here yesterday on a charge of contempt of court by Justice Jennings Bailey after he refused to tell who printed cards sent through the mail advocating isolationism.

The Justice Dept., it was reliably learned, is also "very much interested" in "Social Justice," which, in a more erudite manner, has followed very much the same editorial line as its less literate un-American colleagues. Coughlin ostensibly has retired from the active editorship of this publication, which he says is now owned and managed by his parents. Officials here, however, consider this arrangement a mere subterfuge and still regard the Detroit priest as the directing brains and energy behind the magazine.

GRYNSZPAN TRIAL TO OPEN SOON IN BERLIN, SWISS PAPER REPORTS

ZURICH, April 10. (JTA)-- The Swiss newspaper Gazette de Lausanne today reported that the trial of Herschel Grynszpan, who in 1938 assassinated the Nazi diplomat Ernst von Rath in the German embassy in Paris, will be held soon in Berlin.

The Nazis are staging this trial with a view of "exposing" a number of Frenchmen as well as instigating new anti-Jewish outbreaks throughout the Reich, it is said here. Grynszpan was handed over to the Gestapo by the Petain government in France allegedly under the armistice agreement. Some time ago it was reported that he had been tortured to death by the Nazis.

CONFERENCE ON PRESERVATION OF JUDAISM CALLED BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA)-- A conference on the role of Judaism in the modern world, convoked by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will open in Chicago on April 19, it was announced here today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary.

The announcement stated that the persecution of Jews abroad has placed on the shoulders of the Jews in America the major responsibility for the preservation of Judaism. "Just as in the past, when the light of Judaism passed to Eastern Europe after the expulsion of Jews from most of Medieval Germany, so today Jewish learning and Jewish leadership must develop in America in order that Judaism may continue as an effective spiritual force in the world," the announcement said.