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BRATISLAVA JEWS HIDE IN WOODS TO ESCAPE DEPORTATION; ALL CZECH JEWS TO BE "ISOLATED"

LONDON, April 12. (JTA)-- A large number of Bratislava Jews are now hiding in the woods of Slovakia like hunted animals, trying to escape deportation to labor camps or Nazi-occupied eastern territories, according to reliable information reaching Czechoslovak government circles here today.

The information is substantiated by telegraphic reports from Switzerland which quoted the Slovakian Nazi paper Grenzboten as stating that no hiding place will save the Jews from being discovered and deported. The Grenzboten adds that deportation of Jews from Slovakia into Nazi-held Galicia is going on at full speed.

An order prohibiting Jews from entering the Slovak city of Zilina without special permission has been issued by the local authorities, according to the Slovak newspaper Gardista, organ of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guards. The same paper also reports that the municipal council of Uherske-Bradiste has decided to demolish the local synagogue.

In the Czech Protectorate an order was issued to all non-Jewish inhabitants of the fortress town Theresienstadt to complete the evacuation from the town by May 31. Thousands of Jews from Prague and other Czech cities have been brought to Theresienstadt and dumped into the fortress dungeons there. It is assumed that the Nazi commissioner, Reinhard Heydrich, is determined to have all the Jews of the Czech Protectorate "isolated" in Theresienstadt within the next two months. The Theresienstadt municipality is at present discharging its employees who are being assigned to other municipalities.

ALL JEWS EXPELLED FROM KUTNO; NAZIS FORBID CRACOW JEWS TO USE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

ZURICH, April 12. (JTA)-- All the Jews have been expelled from the Polish town of Kutno, birthplace of the famous Yiddish novelist Sholem Asch, it is reported in the Litwonnstaedter Zeitung, published by the Nazis in Lodz, which reached here today. The Nazi newspaper reports that a celebration was held in Kutno this week to mark the ousting of the last Jew from the town, which before the war had a large Jewish population.

An order curbing the use of electric light by Jews and Poles in Cracow has been issued by the local Nazi authorities, according to other information reaching here today from Poland. Electric light has been cut off in the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw for several months.

Generally increased anti-Jewish restrictions are expected in Poland as a result of a visit paid to Cracow this month by Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo. The purpose of Himmler's trip to Poland is reported here to be "the intensification of the security services in order to eliminate any possible menace to the rear of the German armies after launching the Spring offensive on the Soviet front."

SECURITY OF PALESTINE DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH MILITARY LEADERS

LONDON, April 12. (JTA)-- Problems concerning the security of Palestine were discussed in Egypt at conferences of the British military authorities and Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, it was learned here today following Shertok's return to Palestine.

The London Times, in an editorial yesterday, pointed out that there are probably plenty of Arabs in Palestine and Syria whose sympathies are on the side of the Axis. "In case of a Spring offensive on the part of the Axis in the Middle East, an attempt will certainly be made to excite Arab opinion," the editorial said. "The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who is now Hitler's guest, still has friends in Syria as well as in Palestine. The British military command is, no doubt, watching the situation, but a policy which combines firmness and conciliation is required if we want to remove the danger of fifth-column activities which embarrassed the British operations elsewhere."

A special correspondent of the London Times, describing the political sentiments now prevailing in Syria, says that while there are Arabs there who are both anti-British and anti-German, the majority of the Arab population in Syria thinks of its own interests and fears the consequences which might ensue from being too friendly with the belligerent losing the war.

PELLEY RELEASED ON \$15,000 BOND IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, April 12. (JTA)-- William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts and publisher of anti-Semitic magazines, provided \$15,000 cash bond yesterday and was released from Marion County jail, where he had been held since Sunday on a charge of sedition.

Pelley was arrested last Saturday by FBI agents at Darien, Conn., and was brought here the following day. He was charged under the 1917 Espionage Act with distributing false statements intended to harm the United States and "promote the success of our enemies."

The statements allegedly were contained in a magazine, The Galilean, published by Pelley at Noblesville, Ind. The magazine suspended publication several weeks ago after it was barred from the mails.

DUTCH CHURCH ORGANIZATION DISSOLVES ITSELF IN PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

GENEVA, April 12 (JTA)-- Acting in protest against the anti-Jewish laws which the Nazis have proclaimed in Holland, the Ecumenical Association, a religious organization in the Netherlands, has announced its dissolution, it was reported here by the International Christian Press and Information Service which is conducted jointly by the World Council of Churches and by the World Alliances of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

A letter sent by the Ecumenical Association to all its members, explaining its dissolution, states: "In the decree of October 2, 1941, it is stated that persons of Jewish origin are not allowed to participate in associations of a non-economic character or to collaborate with such associations. It is the opinion of you committee that through this decree the separation between Jews and non-Jews is introduced into the association. The committee considers that this separation can in no way be accepted, since it would mean that we would sever our relations with Jesus Christ, Himself born from Israel, of Jewish blood, for whom there was on this earth no difference between Jew and Greek."

DR. SILVER URGES CLOSER CONTACT BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS

CLEVELAND, April 12. (JTA)-- The necessity for closer contact between the Jewish communities of the United States and England was emphasized here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who just returned from an important Zionist mission in London.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Silver declared that he found the Jews of Great Britain alert, well organized and "fully responsible not only to their obligations as British subjects, but also as loyal members of the Household of Israel." They are rendering heroic service to their country and their devotion and patriotism are exemplary, he said.

"The Jews of England," Dr. Silver continued, "are giving serious thought to the problems of post-war reconstruction facing world Jewry. The Board of Deputies of British Jews is in close touch with the government regarding these problems. It would be highly desirable that closer contact and the pooling of thought and deliberation be established between the two great Jewish communities of England and the United States."

English Jews Greatly Interested in Palestine

Dr. Silver found wide-spread interest in Palestine among the English Jews. "They realize the importance of Palestine today not merely as a vital sector in the wide front of the United Nations against the Axis, but also as the only place for large-scale Jewish immigration after the war," he stated, adding that they have been very generous in response to the appeals for the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund. For the Keren Hayesod the Jews of England are raising over \$500,000 this year and a larger sum is being raised for the JNF.

Dr. Silver also observed the work of the Joint Distribution Committee during his stay in Lisbon. He found that the JDC representatives there "are doing a magnificent job in caring for the refugees and in arranging for their transportation to other countries." In addition to helping hundreds of refugees who hold visas to the United States, Cuba and Mexico, the JDC is still maintaining a program of assistance in unoccupied France where there are 20,000 interned Jews, as well as in Switzerland, Spain, Casablanca, Turkey, Tangier and Algeria where many thousands are in need, Dr. Silver reported.

MORRIS WEINBERG BECOMES PUBLISHER OF "THE DAY"

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA)-- Morris Weinberg, one of the founders of The Day, a national Jewish daily newspaper, has purchased the paper and assumed control of its affairs after a lapse of seventeen years, it was announced here yesterday.

Mr. Weinberg left The Day in 1925 after eleven years as publisher, and entered the banking business. He was invited to return by the Day Foundation, the employee group which attempted to operate the newspaper. The new corporation which Mr. Weinberg will head is called The Day Publishing Association.

GERMANS TURN POZNAN SYNAGOGUE INTO SWIMMING POOL FOR HITLER YOUTH

ZURICH, April 12. (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities in Poznan, in the German-annexed section of Poland, have established a swimming pool for Hitler youth in the quarters of the Great Synagogue of Poznan, the Ostdeutscher Beobachter reports today. Bathing facilities for the general population have also been installed in the synagogue.

PALESTINE PRESS LAUDS JTA FOR ITS SERVICES TO THE JEWISH CAUSE

TEL AVIV, April 12. (JTA)-- Tribute to the services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and to the role it plays in Jewish life is paid here today in editorials published in the "Haaretz" and "Haboker," two of the leading Palestine newspapers.

Commenting on the fact that the JTA has reached its twenty-fifth anniversary, the Haaretz, Palestine's oldest daily newspaper, writes: "Established during the previous world war, the JTA soon played an important role in our press. There is not a single Jewish newspaper the world-over which is not receiving the news of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. This gave the JTA special weight, but also special and great responsibility."

Declaring that the JTA anniversary "is an achievement which not even critics can disregard," the Haaretz editorial continues: "An estimation of the JTA work was made easier during the last years by the establishment of a Zionist news service. The competition has naturally compelled the JTA to introduce further improvements in its service, but the great journalistic weakness of the other agency has also served to emphasize the JTA and its promptness of service which is the soul of journalism, going hand in hand with presenting the facts correctly."

The editorial concludes by pointing out that despite wartime difficulties, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is managing to keep in contact with the Jewish hostages behind the walls of the ghettos in Europe. "Special recognition must be paid to the JTA for its news service from Soviet Russia because this is an important service not only for the Jewish press but also for the interest of the entire Jewish nation," the article concludes.

The Haboker, in its editorial, comments in a similar vein, saying that "the JTA has been a faithful companion for the Jewish press" and that it has become "one of the Jewish national assets of first rate importance."

CANADIAN JEWS ALLOCATE \$20,000 FOR MEDICAL RELIEF TO POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA

MONTREAL, April 12. (JTA)-- The United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies here today announced the allocation of \$20,000 as an "initial step" in bringing medical relief to the hundreds of thousands of Polish Jews who are at present refugees in Russia. The Canadian Jewish relief activities are being conducted in collaboration with the Joint Distribution Committee in the United States.

In accordance with a plan worked out with the JDC, arrangements have been made to purchase in Canada certain of the medical supplies needed by the Polish-Jewish refugees in Soviet Russia. The articles thus purchased are to be sent through the United States to the Polish embassy at Kuibyshev, packed in bond and duty free. Certain surgical instruments manufactured in Canada will also be bought here for transportation to the refugees in Russia.

DR. YANKEL KRUPENIA, JEWISH PHYSICIAN AND COMMUNAL WORKER, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, April 12. (JTA)-- Dr. Yankel Krupenia, 52, well known London physician and a member of the council and vice-chairman of the ORT-OSE Union in Britain, died here today. Dr. Krupenia, who was active in Jewish communal work in England, was also on the executive board of the Jewish Health Organization of Great Britain.