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BULGARIAN PREMIER ANNOUNCES STRICTER ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM

ZURICH, April 13. (JTA)-- The new Bulgarian Cabinet, formed during the week-end under pressure from Berlin, will intensify the anti-Jewish restrictions existing in the country, it was announced last night by the Bulgarian Premier, Bogdan Philoff, in a broadcast over the Sofia radio.

Outlining the program of his new government, Premier Philoff said that one of its principal points will be stricter enforcement of the anti-Jewish laws. "This," he explained, "is necessary for the protection of our nation." He also announced that the new government will concentrate on "liquidating" all liberal and democratic elements in the country who oppose Bulgarian cooperation with the Axis.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT CURBS PROFITEERING, POLISH SOLDIERS TO DEFEND PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA)-- New anti-profiteering defense regulations were issued here yesterday by the Palestine Government with a view of checking speculation in a large group of commodities.

The regulations provide that no commodity needed by the public or for the efficient prosecution of the war can be sold at a price exceeding "reasonable profit" as compared with pre-war prices. The population is invited to cooperate by notifying the authorities of any case of profiteering.

Reports reaching here today from Cairo state that an arrangement has been reached between the military leaders of the United States, England, Poland and Soviet Russia whereby Polish troops now trained in Russia will be sent to Palestine and Syria to replace the Australian troops. One report states that 50,000 Polish soldiers and officers equipped with American arms are already on their way from Soviet Russia to Iran, Syria and Palestine.

JEWS IN POLAND DEFY GESTAPO ORDER PROHIBITING EDUCATION

ZURICH, April 13. (JTA)-- Underground Jewish education, with textbooks either written by hand or typed, is now developing throughout Nazi-held Poland in defiance of the Gestapo order under which all Jewish schools had been closed, it was reported here today.

A system has been organized by which elementary and high school teaching is carried on secretly. The children are organized into small classes of five or six, meeting in a different place every day. Travelling teachers go from town to town, staying a few weeks in each place. These teachers specialize in one subject, so that during a visit the pupils concentrate on that particular subject and, when the next teacher arrives, turn to another. So successful is the system that plans are now being made for introducing university education. In some ghettos, young people are already reading for a degree in history, the report says.

SLOVAK JEWS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE INTO HUNGARY, 1,000 SENT TO CAMPS DAILY

ZURICH, April 13. (JTA)-- Slovak Jews faced with the constant threat of deportation to Nazi-held Eastern European territories or incarceration in labor camps are attempting to flee to Hungary, it is revealed in the Donau Zeitung, reaching here today. The Nazi newspaper adds that action may be taken by the Hungarian authorities against those Jews who succeeded in crossing the border.

At the same time the Nazi press, received here today, is forced to admit the widespread opposition and disgust manifested by the Slovak population towards the anti-Jewish activities of Samo Mach, Slovakian Minister of Interior, although it condemns this attitude. Since March 25, the Nazi newspapers disclose, at least 1,000 Jews have been sent to labor camps every day. Slovaks who have indicated their sympathy with the Jews have been sent to the Ilava concentration camp. The Grenzboten, organ of the Slovakian Volksdeutsche, reports that three district chiefs have been dismissed and will be prosecuted for failure to obey Mach's anti-Jewish orders.

It was learned here today that on the eve of Passover the deportations of Jews from Slovakia assumed a mass character and were coupled with confiscation of even the bare necessities in the possession of Jews. In some towns even the Passover matzo's and foods were taken from Jewish houses by marauding bands of Hlinka Guards, the Slovak storm-troopers. In the town of Sillien about 200 pounds of matzo's which the Jews of the community had succeeded in baking despite the rigid rationing of flour, were seized.

DEPUTY SEEKS BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND POLES IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, April 13. (JTA)-- The question of "misunderstandings between Jewish members of the Polish armed forces and their Polish comrades in arms" was raised today by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, at a meeting of the Council's Budget Committee which is considering the appropriation for the army and the Ministry of War.

Although admitting that the situation had greatly improved in recent months, Schwartzbart insisted that relations between Jews and Poles in the army were not yet altogether satisfactory. Dr. Z. Szydowski, one of the members of the Budget Committee, answering Dr. Schwartzbart, stated that "one must not generalize concerning isolated incidents when speaking of Jewish-Polish relations." He added that "such incidents are only sporadic and not characteristic of the situation."

FRENCH MAYOR ARRESTED FOR FAILING TO REPORT THREE JEWISH RESIDENTS OF HIS TOWN

VICHY, April 13. (JTA)-- The mayor of the town of Arrovnay in occupied France has been arrested on the charge of failing to report to the authorities that three foreign-born Jews were living in his district, it is reported in the Pariser Zeitung reaching here today. The mayor, whose name was not given, was dismissed from his post some time ago because he allegedly "protected" the three Jews.

In Paris today the German military authorities reporting the execution of five persons in reprisal for the killing of a German sentry, announced that additional numbers of "Jews and Communists" will be shot if the guilty persons are not apprehended by April 17.

BELGIAN PREMIER SAYS JEWS WILL REGAIN THEIR RIGHTS AFTER NAZI DEFEAT

LONDON, April 13. (JTA)-- Emphasizing that one of the war aims of the Belgian government is reestablishment of the principle which guaranteed "freedom of opinion and belief to all," Hubert Pierlot, premier of the Belgian Government-in-exile, today outlined his country's position on the Jewish question.

"The laws and customs of Belgium," Mr. Pierlot stated, "have never allowed any distinction among its citizens according to the race to which they belong or in which others claim to place them. All Belgians are equal before the law. Those are the principles in the shelter of which the Jews in Belgium lived peaceably until the German invasion. These principles are of a permanent character. They are at the very foundation of Belgian legislation and the reestablishment of them, and respect for them, are among our war aims.

"It is well known that the Belgian government, supported by public opinion, did all in its power in the years immediately preceding the war to alleviate the great distress into which Nazi persecution had plunged the Jews. Only victory of the Allies will put an end to the injustices of which the Jews have been the victims."

FIRMS MANUFACTURING WAR MATERIALS ORDERED TO CEASE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA)-- Ten large industrial corporations in the mid-West engaged in defense work were instructed to immediately cease discriminating against Jews and Negroes when hiring employees, in an order issued last night by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. The committee said that its orders were based on hearings held in Chicago on January 19 and 20. Similar public hearings were held in New York in February. It is expected that further firms will be cited by the committee at a later date.

Committee officials said failure of the companies to comply with the order could result in claims of contract violations and fines or, in severe cases not involving vital war materials, suspension of the contract.

Companies involved in the Chicago area are the Stewart-Warner Corporation, the Buick aviation plant at Melrose, Ill., the Bessie Manufacturing Company, the Simpson Manufacturing Company and the Studebaker branch factory. In the Milwaukee area are the Nordberg Manufacturing Company, A. O. Smith Corporation, Heil Company, Allis-Chalmers Corporation and the Harnischfeger Corporation.

Dr. Malcolm S. McLean, of Hampton Institute, head of the committee, said that "the findings and directions will give the committee a continuing jurisdiction over the employment practices of those industries which hold contracts for war implements and material, as each concern has been asked to file reports with the committee showing the extent to which steps have been taken to bring the company's employment policies and practices into line with the national policy."

NINETY PERCENT OF THE REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA ARE JEWS, DATA SHOWS

SIDNEY, Australia, April 13. (JTA)-- Figures made public here today reveal that of the 8,000 refugees from Europe who have been admitted into the country since 1933, ninety percent are Jews. The remaining 10 percent are either people married to Jews or persons of Jewish descent. More than 3,500 of the refugees came from Germany and 2,200 from Austria. The remainder came from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Rumania.

CALLING PUBLIC OFFICIAL "ANTI-SEMITIC" IN N. Y. STATE IS LIBEL, SUPREME COURT RULES

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA)-- The Supreme Court today uphold a decision of the Circuit Court which interpreted New York State law as holding it libelous to charge a public official with anti-Semitism. The high tribunal issued no written opinion and was divided 4 to 4 with Justice Jackson not participating. Under such circumstances the action of the court appealed from is confirmed.

The case on which the Supreme Court issued its ruling now goes back to the Northern New York Federal District Court to determine whether under the principles enunciated by the Circuit Court at New York there was any libel involved. The action of the Supreme Court today resulted from a libel suit brought by Representative Martin L. Sweeney of Ohio against the Schenectady Union Publishing Co. for publishing in the Schenectady Union Star an allegation that he opposed the appointment of Emerich Bart Freed as Federal District Judge at Cleveland because Freed was a Jew. Sweeney sought \$250,000 damages. His complaint was dismissed by the New York Federal District Court but its decision was later reversed by the Federal Circuit Court which ordered a new trial.

In a brief filed with the Supreme Court the newspaper said the Circuit Court decision "interprets the article as charging respondent (Sweeney) with racial prejudice and upon that basis holds it to be libelous per se." Mr. Sweeney's brief said "the sole and determinative question is whether the Circuit Court of Appeals correctly stated the law in holding the words complained of to be actionable per se." The Circuit Court ruling applied only to New York, since it was interpreting the law of that State. Other courts throughout the country have reached different conclusions in similar suits brought by Mr. Sweeney.

Four leading Jewish organizations, the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee and the American Jewish Congress were participants in the case as "amicus curiae," friends of the court. Some time ago they filed briefs with the Supreme Court supporting the Schenectady newspaper.

REVISIONISTS DECLARE THEIR READINESS TO REJOIN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

LONDON, April 13. (JTA)-- The Zionist-Revisionist party is ready to return to the World Zionist Organization and "is prepared to submit to Zionist discipline" it was announced today by Dr. M. Schwartzman, Revisionist leader.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Schwartzman said that in view of the critical position of world Jewry and of the Zionist movement, the Revisionists have abandoned the idea of a round table conference. His party, he stated, would return to the Zionist organization, which it left in 1933, under the following conditions:

1 - The Zionist Organization proclaims the establishment of a Jewish state as a Zionist aim. 2 - All efforts are made to secure the formation of a Jewish military force. 3 - The Zionist Organization is to pursue a policy of Jewish unity by creating a Jewish National Authority to represent the Jewish people at the post-war peace conference."

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN HOLDS "AMERICANIZATION DAY" TOMORROW

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA)-- The National Council of Jewish Women today announced that April 15 will be observed by all its 357 sections throughout the country as National Council Day, dedicated to Americanization for Defense, in support of its \$60,000 program of service to the foreign-born.