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VOL. IX. NO. 86Friday, April 17, 1942FRANCE SENDS JEWS TO SPAIN AND NAZI-HELD POLAND FOR FORCED LABOR

LISEBON, April 16. (JTA)-- Acting upon Hitler's request, the French Government in Vichy is transporting Jews from its concentration camps to Spain and Nazi-held Poland for forced labor there, according to reliable reports reaching here today.

The reports estimate that approximately 6,000 Jews have so far been transported from various camps to Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe, while several hundred were sent to Spain to work in labor battalions there replacing Spaniards who were despatched to fight side by side with the Nazis on the Russian front. All the Jews transported for labor to Spain come from Camp de Gurs.

Among the Jews sent to Poland are many who have acquired French citizenship. They are now being denaturalized on the basis that they are foreign-born. Especially selected for deportation to the East are Jewish internees who are skilled workers, particularly mechanics, tailors, shoemakers and others whom the Nazis consider useful to their war effort.

NAZIS USE 120 NEWSPAPERS IN OCCUPIED RUSSIA FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

STOCKHOLM, April 16. (JTA)-- A flood of anti-Jewish propaganda, contained in 120 newspapers established by the Nazi propaganda department in the occupied part of Russia, is now sweeping the Ukraine, according to reports from Berlin reaching Swedish newspapers here today.

The reports emphasize that the Nazi propaganda department in the Ukraine is the busiest department in the entire administrative machinery set up by Alfred Rosenberg's Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories. Only five of the 120 newspapers which this department supervises are printed in the German language. The remainder are in Russian and in Ukrainian. The major portions of these publications are devoted to anti-Jewish incitement.

The Svenska Dagbladet also reports from Berlin that the Nazi chief of police in Lublin has issued an order prohibiting non-Jews from patronizing Jewish cab-drivers. Each horse-drawn cab driven by a Jew must have the Star of David conspicuously painted on it, the order provides.

SENATOR JOHNSON CALLS FOR JEWISH ARMY IN ADDRESS ON SENATE FLOOR

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA)-- Speaking on the floor of the Senate today, Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado called upon England to allow the creation of a Jewish Army to fight in the Middle East.

Calling particular attention to the resolution now before Congress which petitions the British Government to permit the formation of a Jewish Army in Palestine, Senator Johnson declared: "Palestine stands at the very edge of the Suez, a vital focal point of the lifeline of the United Nations. Suez must be held and Palestine can be an important factor in its support. Seventy-five miles East of the Suez Canal there awaits in idleness a potential Jewish Army begging and pleading for the right to fight, to hold Suez."

GERMAN PRIESTS IN SLOVAKIA BAPTIZE JEWS TO SAVE THEM FROM DEPORTATION

ZURICH, April 16. (JTA)-- German priests in Slovakia were notified that "strongest disciplinary action" will be taken against them if they continue to baptize Slovakian Jews, it is reported in the Karpathen-Deutsche Post reaching here today.

The Slovakian Nazi newspaper discloses that German churches in Slovakia are accepting Jews as members in order to save them from being deported to Nazi-occupied Eastern territories. Citing a number of cases where German pastors have baptized Jews and admitted them into membership of the German Protestant parish in Slovakia, the Nazi newspaper threatens these pastors with "consequences." These ministers, the paper says, are not only sabotaging the anti-Jewish policy of the Slovak government, but they are also defiling the honor of the German master race.

The hunting down of Jews by the Slovak police throughout the country, is provoking pro-Jewish sympathy not only among the clergy, but even among certain Slovak officials, and is resented by the majority of the Slovak people. The Grenzboten, a Nazi newspaper published in Bratislava, reports that many Slovaks are embittered over the removal of the Jews. One government official in Eastern Slovakia was arrested for hiding local Jews, the paper discloses. It reveals that even the officials who have been appointed to "Aryanize" Jewish enterprises complain that they cannot manage these enterprises without the help of the former Jewish owners.

The panic prevailing among the Jews in Slovakia is best illustrated in a report in the Grenzboten that many Jews, in an effort to save themselves from deportation, are joining the Protestant church prior to becoming converted to Catholicism. This, the Nazi paper says, is due to the fact that the probationary period required by the Catholic church is much shorter for Protestants than for Jews. The Grenzboten also reports that the Calvinist pastor, Rev. Branyik, has baptized a large number of Jews in Eastern Slovakia, including 44 in Bratislava.

HUNGARY'S 1,250,000 JEWS WILL BE TREATED AS "RACIALLY ALIEN ELEMENTS"

ZURICH, April 16. (JTA)-- The million and a quarter Jews now living in Hungary are considered "racially alien elements" and will be treated as such, it is stated by Dr. Tibor von Papkay, head of the Minorities Department of the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior, in a report quoted today in the Nazi newspaper Donau Zeitung.

Declaring that forty percent of the Hungarian population are non-Magyars, Dr. von Papkay stated that ten percent consist of 1,250,000 Jews and 300,000 gypsies, who also fall into the "racially alien" category. The other thirty percent, who are considered "recognized ethnical minorities" include Germans, Rumanians, Ruthenes, Slovaks, Croats, Wends, Serbs and others. Only these latter groups will enjoy full rights, the Hungarian official declares.

BULGARIAN JEWS FORBIDDEN TO HAVE MATZOHS THIS PASSOVER

GENEVA, April 16. (JTA)-- Jews in Bulgaria, which has adopted almost the full list of anti-Jewish laws since King Boris openly aligned the country with Germany, were forbidden to bake matzoahs this Passover, it was learned here today. Almost none of the traditional Passover foods were available to the Bulgarian Jews this year, although religious services were not molested, the reports reaching here indicate.

JEWS IN LATVIA MUST GET THEIR SALARIES THROUGH NAZI COMMISSIONER

STOCKHOLM, April 16. (JTA)-- Jews employed in various commercial and industrial enterprises in Latvia are prohibited from receiving their wages directly from their employers but must secure them through the German district commissioner, it is reported in the Deutsche Zeitung in Ostland, Nazi organ for the Baltic area, reaching here today.

Employers of Jews must turn all salaries over to the District Commissioner's Fund. The rate of pay is based on fixed rates established under a general order covering workers in public service and trades. Jews may not be paid extra for overtime, Sunday, holiday or night work, unless special permission is granted by the local Labor Service office.

JEWS EJECTED FROM BUILDINGS IN WARSAW GHETTO TO MAKE ROOM FOR WOUNDED NAZIS

ZURICH, April 16. (JTA)-- More than 10,000 Jews are now sheltered in synagogues and other Jewish public buildings in the Warsaw ghetto as a result of the acute lack of dwelling space in private homes, it is disclosed in a report received here today from Nazi-held Poland.

The report says that the borders of the Warsaw ghetto are constantly undergoing changes. Whenever transports of wounded German soldiers reach Warsaw, Jews are compelled to leave their dwellings in order to make room for the Nazis. The Jews who are dispossessed remain homeless unless a place is found for them in a Jewish public building.

Mortality among the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto is growing to a point where each hour there are an average of six funerals, the report declares. Misery among the Jews is so great that the Nazi authorities have seen fit to permit Jews to draw 1,000 zlotys from their blocked accounts, in order to reduce the number of charity-seekers which the Jewish community cannot accommodate because of its constantly decreasing income. Among those dependent on charity are many Jews who have deposits in banks but cannot draw on them because all Jewish accounts have been frozen by the German administration. The permission to draw 1,000 zlotys is the first of its kind granted since April 1941.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT GREETS THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ON 25th ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA)-- The Jewish Welfare Board, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this week-end with a three-day national conference at the Hotel Commodore here, today made public a message of greetings received from President Roosevelt. The message reads:

"It gives me great pleasure to extend congratulations and cordial greetings to the National Jewish Welfare Board on the happy occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. I trust that the Board will continue through long decades ahead of the good work which it has performed without ceasing during the past quarter of a century."

The J.W.B. conference is the first national gathering of lay leaders interested in the Jewish Center field and in Army and Navy welfare services, since the United States was attacked by Japan. It will open Saturday evening, April 18, and will continue on Sunday and Monday. The conference is expected to prove helpful in determining how the twenty-five years of experience of the Jewish Welfare Board in Jewish Community Center work and in Army and Navy welfare work can best contribute to the total war efforts of the United States.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS START INVESTIGATION INTO COUGHLIN'S FINANCIAL RECORDS

DETROIT; April 16. (JTA)-- Internal Revenue agents today started an investigation into the financial records of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin. They will establish the identity of his backers, the distribution of moneys collected, and other facts which will determine how much of the vast income of the Radio League of the Little Flower is subject to income tax.

For two years the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has withheld enforcement of a Federal order directing Coughlin's radio league to pay income taxes on \$1,458,658. Now the Michigan CIO has called upon the commissioner to collect from the radio unit at once "in view of the present national emergency and the nation's needs for defense funds."

Coughlin's attorneys had bitterly opposed paying income taxes on the mon collected, insisting that the radio league was "religious and educational." But on Feb. 10, 1940, the Internal Revenue Dept. ruled that the league was not exempt from income tax.

The arrival of revenue agents now, to make a checkup after two years, was considered significant in view of Atty. Gen. Biddle's ruling Monday that Social Justice was guilty of violation of the Espionage Act.

New York Newspapers Laud Postal Ban on "Social Justice"

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA)-- The metropolitan press today welcomed the barring of "Social Justice" from the mails. The New York Times, in an editorial said that "nine out of ten of those Americans who are familiar with the doctrines preached in the Coughlin magazine, Social Justice, would feel that the air was purer if this publication were to disappear."

The New York Herald-Tribune, in an editorial praising the act, stated that it is "the most direct blow which the government has yet struck against disruptive, defeatist, Fascist-minded literature of disunity and race prejudice, which certain persons are still freely manufacturing in this country."

The New York Post, in commenting on the ban, asked "if Social Justice is bad enough to be banned from the mails, why is it not bad enough to warrant investigation for possible sterner legal action against all concerned with it." PM, an afternoon newspaper, commented in similar vein.

The Berlin radio, in a Nazi propaganda broadcast in English, said that "President Roosevelt is eager to get rid of Rev. Coughlin by gangster methods so popular in America." This, the Nazi speaker said, is due to the fact that the Detroit priest "has the talent to enlighten the people of the United States with regard to their President's Jewish and Bolshevik cronies."

SIXTH VOLUME OF UNIVERSAL JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA)-- A fourteen-page article covering all schools of modern Judaism, features the sixth volume of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia which appeared here today. The 640 pages and 400 illustrations in the volume alphabetically cover subjects of Jewish interest from "JA" to "LE."

Highpoints are the articles on 1,200 Jewish communities and twenty-seven pages devoted to Jewish community and communal organizations. Rabbi Isaac Landman is editor-in-chief of this ten-volume work. Louis Rittenberg is executive and literary editor.