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POLISH JEWS SEND DESPERATE APPEAL FOR FOOD TO OUTSIDE WORLD

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA)-- An appeal to Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, and to central Jewish organizations in the United States and England was cabled from here today in behalf of the Jews in Nazi-held Poland, asking for "immediate action to save hundreds of thousands of starving Jews in the ghettos from extinction."

The appeal was issued as a result of a desperate call for aid which reached here from the Warsaw ghetto, stating that unprecedented hunger is raging among the Jews in occupied Poland and that Jewish leaders in America and England must take immediate action to see that food and medications reach the Jews in Poland from outside world.

The Palestine representation of Polish Jewry, which transmitted the appeal to the Jewish organizations in America, to the Polish government in London and to the Board of Jewish Deputies in England, added that according to its own information, the International Red Cross in Geneva has expressed its willingness to assist in any rescue activities which may be started in America and England.

The desperate call for food received here reveals that the Nazi administration has reduced the bread rations for Jews in the ghettos to eighty grams a day which is less than one-quarter of a pound. But even this meager ration is not distributed. The Jewish public kitchens in the ghettos have been compelled to drastically reduce their rations and are feeding the tens of thousands of hungry Jews only once in two days.

As a result of the mounting starvation, the call states, death among the Jews is reaching such proportions that undertakers are unable to prepare individual graves and are now digging collective graves in some of which as many as 1,000 corpses are buried. The call from Poland, which is addressed "to Jewish leaders all over the world, especially to those in the United States and England" urges these Jews "to try and break the ghetto walls by at least extending assistance to the sick children and aged either through the International Red Cross or otherwise

"Situation in Warsaw Ghetto is Catastrophic," Polish Government Hears

LONDON, April 19. (JTA)-- News received here today by the Polish Government from occupied Poland emphasized that "food conditions in Warsaw are very bad and that in the Jewish ghetto they are almost catastrophic."

"The Germans," the report says, "deliberately try to raise the death rate and reduce the birth rate among the Jews. This they do in a "scientific" manner by allotting food supplies that are not sufficient to maintain life. According to a Jewish undertaker 800 of the 400,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto are dying daily. There are not enough doctors in the ghetto and there is a serious shortage of drugs and medicine."

EVACUATION OF ALL JEWS FROM OCCUPIED FRANCE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NAZIS AND LAVAL

LONDON, April 19. (JTA)-- Evacuation of all Jews from the occupied portion of France to the unoccupied section is under consideration following recent conferences between Otto Abetz, Hitler's emissary in Paris, and Pierre Laval, new chief of government in Vichy, it is reported here today by Allied diplomatic circles.

New and more severe anti-Jewish measures are expected in France very shortly as part of the sweeping purge which Laval is undertaking in an attempt to rid the country of all persons resisting his rule and all potential objectors. The Allied spokesmen ventured the opinion that Xavier Vallat, present Commissar for Jewish Affairs, will be removed by Laval, since it is common knowledge that the Germans are openly critical of his "mild and insufficient measures."

RUMANIA INITIATES "CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS" AGAINST BUCHAREST JEWISH COMMUNITY

BERNE, April 19. (JTA)-- "Criminal proceedings" have been initiated against the Bucharest Jewish community on the charge that it failed to deliver its proper quota of civilian clothes to the army as ordered by the Rumanian authorities last January, it is reported here today.

The Nazi newspaper Westdeutscher Beobachter, which carries the news, says that action has been taken against the Jewish community under the existing war regulations. It adds that the Jews of Bucharest are charged with delivering only half of the quota of clothing which they were ordered to surrender.

The January order specified that those Jews who did not possess the articles of clothing which they were required to deliver would have to pay the cash equivalent of each article demanded. The Jewish Community of Bucharest, which was held responsible for the collection of the clothing, was ordered by the authorities to announce that "those who do not fulfill their obligations by February 1st will have to suffer the consequences."

The Westdeutscher Beobachter, in reporting that the Jews of Bucharest will probably have to pay heavy collective penalties for not delivering the requested amount of clothing, explains that the Rumanian authorities have merged all Jewish organizations into a Central Office for Jews which is responsible to the government for all Jewish actions in the country. The Central Office, composed of ten leading Jews, must see to it that all Government orders concerning the Jews are carried out and must inform the Jews throughout the country about all these orders through its official organ "Gazetta Evreasca" which is the only publication for Jews permitted in Rumania. The actions of the Central Office are subject to control of a Rumanian Commissar, the paper points out.

Reports reaching here today also state that Jews in Rumania are no longer permitted to sell Rumanian newspapers and magazines.

BULGARIA WILL EXPROPRIATE PROPERTY OF JEWS RESIDING ABROAD

GENEVA, April 19. (JTA)-- Bulgarian Jews residing abroad who do not return to Bulgaria prior to the date when the law obligating Jews to sell their real estate to the government becomes effective, will have their property confiscated, the Tribune de Geneve, a Swiss newspaper reports today.

The paper states that the Bulgarian Government, while permitting Jews to reside in private dwellings, will "purchase" all Jewish buildings in the country in exchange for bonds which cannot be redeemed for a number of years, but which will bear an annual interest of three percent.

GESTAPO EJECTS ORPHANS AND AGED FROM JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN BERLIN

STOCKHOLM, April 19 (JTA)-- Inmates of several Jewish orphan asylums and homes for the aged in Berlin were ejected by Gestapo agents after being given only twenty-four hours' notice to leave the premises, the Berlin correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet reports today.

At the same time the Gestapo raided the only Jewish hospital in Berlin and confiscated its entire food stores. Two German storekeepers were sentenced to 4 years at hard labor and fined 70,000 marks each, for selling rationed food to a Jewish boarding house, the Swedish correspondent also reports today.

WARTIME JEWISH COMMUNITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT J.W.B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA)-- The program which Jewish centers throughout the country are to follow in their community work for the duration of the war was outlined here today by Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, addressing the annual conference of the JWB at the Hotel Commodore.

The conference, which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Welfare Board, was also addressed by Judge Irving Lehman, honorary president of the JWB, by Joseph Rosenzweig, the JWB secretary, by Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Prof. William Yandel Elliot and others. It will conclude its three-day session tomorrow with a panel discussion on the problems and policies of special concern to local JWB committees and national organizations. Delegates from all parts of the country are attending the conference.

Calling upon individuals and organizations "to submerge their special interests for the general good," Mr. Weil said that there are today three major objectives on which all groups must cooperate. These, he said, are: Service in the War; preservation of values during the war, and "the kind of a peace we want." "The experience which the Jewish Welfare Board has had during the 25 years of its existence shows that cooperation among different groups is never difficult to attain when an important cause is involved," Mr. Weil stated.

The major problems which concern the Jewish community centers were enumerated by Mr. Weil as follows: 1. The role of the Jewish Center in the war efforts of the Nation. 2. The effect of the war on Jewish community life in America. 3. Relation of the Army and Navy program of the Jewish Welfare Board to Jewish community organizations. 4. The effect of the war on the Jewish center.

A radio dramatization of the work of the Board and a broadcast message of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. marked the opening of the conference last night. Secretary Morgenthau, speaking from Station WKIP, Poughkeepsie, said: "The Jewish Welfare Board and similar service agencies are doing precisely what many of us would like to do for the soldiers and sailors if we could. It does the best to give recreation, comfort and companionship to all service men whatever their religion."

PALESTINE COAST SHELLED BY UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY VESSEL, NO CASUALTIES

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA)-- A small enemy vessel of undetermined nationality fired a few small caliber shells at the Palestine coast yesterday, it was officially reported here today. No casualties or damages resulted from the shelling.

TROPER LEAVES J.D.C. FOR ARMY POST; DR. SCHWARTZ APPOINTED EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA)-- The resignation of Morris C. Troper as chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee was announced here today by Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the JDC. Troper has accepted a commission as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Service of Supply, Fiscal Division, War Department.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, who is now in Lisbon for the Joint Distribution Committee, has been appointed the European Chairman of the JDC, replacing Mr. Troper. In announcing his appointment to the new post, Mr. Baerwald stated: "Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz has done a magnificent job during the time that he has represented our Committee abroad. He has steadfastly refused to consider his personal safety or convenience for the sake of remaining in Europe to direct the farflung relief activities of our Committee. His broad experience in communal problems and his winning personality has proven to be of invaluable assistance in our work. We are happy to have him serve as the head of our European program."

JEWS ARE HEALTHIER THAN GERMANS, AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST DECLARES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 19. (JTA)-- The Nazi "racial theory" was termed a myth by Dr. M. Ashley-Montague, noted American anthropologist, addressing the American Association of Physical Anthropologists at Harvard.

Dr. Ashley-Montague declared that racial mixture, far from causing impurities, produces a purifying effect. Many defective traits of the parents are eliminated in the offspring as a result of crossing, so that the group as a whole becomes purified, he said. "As for the Nazi assault on Jews in this respect," he continued, "it should be pointed out that the Jews are not a single race, but a number of races, and that they exhibit in perhaps preeminent degree the biologically good effects of race mixture. Thus, in a marriage between German and Jew, the German would get by far the better of the bargain."

N.Y. TIMES OPPOSES BILL AIMED AGAINST REFUGEE DOCTORS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA)-- Opposition to a bill introduced in both houses of Congress and passed by the Senate without debate, which would make it impossible for a refugee doctor to secure medical licenses in the District of Columbia, is expressed in a New York Times editorial. The bill requires that an applicant for a license to practice medicine in the District would have to be not only of good moral character, as at present, but also an American citizen.

"The bill should be voted down," the Times urges. "If passed, it will make all the more difficult the relaxation of laws and medical society rules that now prevent us from utilizing the services of foreign physicians. "The editorial points out that "inasmuch as President Roosevelt and the Department of Justice have considered it necessary to urge employers not to discharge alien workers of known loyalty, there is every reason why we should make the most of foreign physicians now sorely needed."

PLAN PALESTINE COLONY AS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA)-- The formation of a National Committee of labor leaders and outstanding leaders of public opinion for the purpose of establishing a Palestine new labor settlement as a "living tribute" to Louis D. Brandeis, the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was announced today. The committee is cooperating with the labor division of the Jewish National Fund.