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MASS ROUND-UPS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA; 125,000 MURDERED BY ANTONESCU GOVERNMENT

LONDON, April 26. (JTA)-- Mass round-ups of Jews in Bucharest have been resumed by the police, allegedly in search of many Jews who the Rumanian authorities report have fled from ghettos in eastern Rumania and are now hiding in Bucharest, according to reliable reports reaching here today. A number of Jews who are charged with fleeing from ghettos in Bukovina and Bessarabia have already been arrested. Landlords of several boarding houses here who failed to report that these Jews were living in their establishments will be sent to concentration camps, the reports state.

A resume of the anti-Jewish terror in Rumania since the inception of the Antonescu regime is carried today in the Sunday Times in a report from its Ankara correspondent. According to the Times' story 125,000 Jews have been murdered since Gen. Ion Antonescu first assumed power in Sept. 1940; and another 150,000 Jews and non-Jews have been sent to concentration camps.

Entire areas of Bukovina, Bessarabia and Moldavia have been cleared of Jews and hundreds of thousands of former Jewish residents of these provinces have been deported, murdered or sent to concentration camps, the Times reports. Property of Jews has been confiscated on a wholesale scale.

Opposition to the Antonescu regime is growing as news seeps out concerning the terrible conditions in the camps and prisons which have been jammed with Jews and opponents of the Rumanian dictator, the Ankara reports disclose. Widespread fears have been voiced that a typhoid epidemic is imminent in the camps and prisons. Already several isolated cases have been discovered.

Britain and Turkey Asked to Aid Emigration of Rumanian Jews

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA)-- The governments of Great Britain and Turkey were asked to permit the granting of permanent and transit visas to all Jewish refugees able to leave Rumania, in a resolution adopted today at the annual convention of the United Rumanian Jews of America.

Charles A. Davila, former Rumanian minister to Washington and leader of the Free Rumanian movement in the United States, told the delegates who came from all parts of the country, that after victory is achieved Rumania would take its place among the democratic countries of the world. He declared: "You can trust me that, to my last breath, I am not going to accept any compromise on truly democratic principles, on human rights and on class and individual freedom."

A list of 758 names of Rumanian Jews who perished on the torpedoed refugee ship Struma was read to the audience, many of whom were close relatives of the victims. Other speakers included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Charles Sonnenreich, president of the organization, and J. Rösenthal.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSSES PROBLEM OF SENDING FOOD TO POLAND

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA)-- Plans to communicate with Christian and non-sectarian organizations and to consult the government authorities in Washington concerning the possibilities of sending food and medical supplies to the starving population of Poland were drawn up here at a special conference of the major Jewish organizations in the country called by the General Jewish Council, it was announced today by the Council.

Participating in the conference were representatives of the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Labor Committee (constituents of the General Jewish Council) and the American Jewish Congress. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was unofficially represented.

It was pointed out at the conference that the problem of sending food and medicaments to the unfortunate Jews in Poland has long been considered an urgent necessity in Jewish circles. Heartrending reports reaching here daily tell of growing hunger and disease. The entire population of Poland, Jewish and non-Jewish, faces the danger of complete annihilation. Rations assigned to the civilian population of Poland by the Nazi authorities are hardly sufficient to keep a human being alive. Especially gruesome, however, is the situation of the Jews confined within the walls of the ghettos and who receive only a fifth of the rations allotted to the rest of the population. No less dangerous, it was pointed out, are the sanitary conditions in the overcrowded ghettos. Lack of medicaments and adequate medical care for the starving population has resulted in the spread of epidemics which rage today in Warsaw, Lodz, Lublin and other cities.

As the possibilities of providing any direct relief to the people of Poland is bound up with a great number of difficulties which are related to the conduct of the war between the United Nations and the Axis, the conference decided to "thoroughly investigate all possible methods of providing direct relief which will meet with the approval of our government." A subcommittee was appointed to begin work immediately and do all in its power to find a speedy solution to this problem.

Participants in the conference included: Morris D. Waldman, Dr. Max Gottschalk and Dr. Simon Segal of the American Jewish Committee; A. C. Horn and Leonard Finder of B'nai B'rith; Adolph Held, Nathaniel Minkoff and Jacob Pat of the Jewish Labor Committee; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Carl Sherman and Rabbi Maurice Perlzweig of the American Jewish Congress; Joseph C. Hyman and Dr. Bernard Kahn of the Joint Distribution Committee. Isaiah Minkoff represented the General Jewish Council.

ADJUSTMENT OF JEWISH LIFE TO WAR CONDITIONS IS ASKED AT UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, April 26. (JTA)-- The several hundred delegates attending the 1942 Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of America here were called upon today by a number of speakers to reorganize Jewish life to meet war conditions.

Addressing the convention on the present world situation, Rabbi Henry Fisher of Rochester said that "the crux of the world's problem today lies not so much in political and economic spheres, but basically in the realm of the spirit." Cooperation of the synagogue with community philanthropy was pledged by all speakers who participated in the panel discussion on "the position of the United Synagogue of America and its influence in Jewish life."

Dr. Alexander Dushkin of New York spoke of the central position which the United Synagogue of America occupies in the Jewish educational activities, combining heritage and modern pedagogy. Rabbi Abraham Heller of Brooklyn asked for greater participation of the synagogue in the work of Palestine.

HUNGARY ENRAGED OVER BROADCASTS FROM PALESTINE TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE

ZURICH, April 26. (JTA)-- The anti-Axis propaganda broadcast daily from the Jerusalem radio station in many languages has infuriated the Nazi-dominated government of Hungary to a point where its leading organ, Pester Lloyd, today issued a violent article attacking the Palestine broadcasts.

"These Jerusalem broadcasts in the Hungarian language," the paper writes, "constitute nothing but an attempt on the part of our enemy to weaken the united European front." The article admits that the broadcasts from Palestine are clearly heard in Budapest and other Hungarian cities.

POST-WAR JEWISH SITUATION DISCUSSED AT AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA)-- The outlook for the Jews in the new world order which will follow a victory of the United Nations was discussed here today at a dinner arranged by the American Jewish Congress at the Hotel Astor, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Congress. Quentin Reynolds, American war correspondent, was one of the principal speakers.

Emphasizing the importance of preparing now for post-war reconstruction, while making every sacrifice to help our country win the war, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Congress, said that "it would be a tragic mistake to assume that the problem of the Jewish people will be solved automatically by the victory of the Democracies."

"The reconstitution of an entire people, oppressed as perhaps no other people in the history of mankind, is a stupendous task," Dr. Wise stated. "It requires both the will to achieve the righting of wrongs and the expert knowledge of how the Jewish people, wherever they live, may be reinstated in the equality of nations and peoples." Other speakers at the dinner included Carl Sherman, chairman of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress and Rabbi Meurice L. Perlzweig, chairman of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress.

The Biennial convention of the women's division of the American Jewish Congress opened here yesterday at the Hotel Astor to discuss matters pertaining to coordination of women's work in defense. The convention, which will close April 28th, was addressed this morning by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldman and Dr. Jacob Robinson. Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, president of the women's division of the Congress, in delivering her presidential report stated that the division has already turned over to the government about \$350,000 worth of War Saving Bonds which have been sold through the organization. The division has set itself a million-dollar goal in the sale of War Saving Bonds, she announced.

MEMBERS OF CZECH FASCIST GROUP, AIDING JEWS, PRO-NAZI NEWSPAPER COMPLAINS

ZURICH, April 26. (JTA)-- The increasing unpopularity of the Nazi-fostered anti-Jewish measures in the Czech Protectorate is strikingly evidenced in an article in the Czech fascist newspaper Vlayka, reaching here today.

The paper complains that many members of the fascist National Solidarity Organization accompany Jews to the railroad stations from where they are deported to the fortress town of Theresin and give them food for use during their journey.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PRESENT \$30,000 CHECK TO U.S. TREASURY FOR A PURSUIT PLANE

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA)-- A check for \$30,000, the first of six checks of the same amount, was presented here yesterday to Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, in behalf of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, for the purchase of a pursuit plane for the American air force, it was announced here today.

In presenting the check, Benjamin Kaufman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, stated that the organization which he represents has pledged itself to raise funds for the purchase of six pursuit planes for the Government. He expressed the hope that other organizations may be inspired to do the same. Secretary Morgenthau, in responding, declared that "the spirit shown by the Jewish War Veterans in sponsoring the drive for \$180,000 has set an example which the rest of America might well follow. Spirits such as this made America great and will keep America strong. The Jewish War Veterans have set a precedent which assures victory."

3,500 B'NAI B'RITH AND AZA MEMBERS DONATE THEIR BLOOD TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26. (JTA)-- Nearly 3,500 members of B'nai B'rith lodges and auxiliaries and AZA chapters throughout the country have donated blood to the Red Cross blood banks and 15,400 others are registered as blood donors and will give blood when called upon, the B'nai B'rith national headquarters reported today.

The actual total of B'nai B'rith blood donors was 2,358 on April 15 while the AZA, B'nai B'rith youth organization, reported 1,100 of its members had given blood. There are 7,400 AZA boys registered as blood donors and 6,000 B'nai B'rith men and women awaiting calls from Red Cross blood banks. In New York, B'nai B'rith broke all records for mass blood donations. The biggest day experienced by the Red Cross donor section in New York was when 525 members of B'nai B'rith gave blood in a single day.

J. D. C. INITIATES MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTORS

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA)-- Of the 525,000 Jewish refugees who have fled Nazi domination since 1933 when Hitler rose to power, 258,800 were aided in their escape by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was disclosed in the first issue of the organization's monthly information bulletin, the "J. D. C. Digest," published this week.

The eight-page publication contains brief descriptions of the J. D. C. work throughout the world. It covers such subjects as major J. D. C. appropriations for the first three months of this year, the continuance of emigration from the Old to the New World, the shipment of medicines to Polish refugees in Russia, and the work on behalf of immigrants in Central and South America. "It is the purpose of the Digest to keep American Jews, who make possible the humanitarian work of the J. D. C., informed of its far-flung overseas relief activities and the complex problems which confront it," a statement issued by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J. D. C., declared.

ISAAC JUDES ELECTED PRESIDENT OF N. Z. O. IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, April 26. (JTA)-- Isaac Judes, former president of the Union of Zionists-Revisionists in South Africa, was today elected president of the New Zionist Organization here to succeed the late Michael Heskell. Mr. Judes was an intimate friend of Dr. Max Nordau and of the late Revisionist leader, Vladimir Jabotinsky. He has been active in the Zionist movement in South Africa for many years.