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AXIS VESSELS ASSEMBLED IN GREEK PORTS FOR INVASION OF PALESTINE, SYRIA

CAIRO, April 27. (JTA)-- An Axis invasion fleet made up of hundreds of vessels capable of carrying assault troops to Palestine, Syria and to Turkey if necessary, was reported here today to be assembled in Greek ports.

At the same time the Nazis are reported massing 40,000 parachute troops in Crete to be dropped behind the British army line on the Libyan front and possibly in Alexandria, Cairo and in the Suez Canal zone.

Military experts here expect Hitler to begin his offensive in the Middle East any day. The Allied defensive semi-circle from Libya through Palestine and Syria to the Turkish frontier has been reinforced to meet it. An air raid alarm was sounded in Tel Aviv Saturday night as one of the precautions.

Armed to the teeth, Palestine is watching with utmost interest the developments in Turkey, since the dangerous balance in the Middle East is dependent on what Turkey does. Turkey might be expected to go with the Axis against Syria, Palestine and Iraq which were parts of her former empire. But modern Turkey, run by Gen. Ismet Inonu, seems content to build and remain a nation rather than an empire, and is building her 750,000-man army into a modern machine, with equipment from the United States and Britain.

Meanwhile, Axis agents are reported to have started a vigorous propaganda campaign among Arabs in Syria and in Iraq to cause confusion and to implant anti-British feelings. It is no secret here that there are a large number of fifth-columnists among the Arabs in Syria and Iraq who take their lead from the broadcasts which the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is making from Italian radio stations. These broadcasts are heard on a program which is styled "the Voice of the Free Arabs."

JEWS IN OCCUPIED WOLHYNIA WILL BE SENT TO WORK IN PINSK SWAMPS, NAZI PAPER REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, April 27. (JTA)-- The Jews in the Wolhynia district of Nazi-occupied Poland will soon be sent to forced labor in the Pripet Marshes, in the Pinsk region, it is announced in the pro-Nazi Ukrainian newspaper Krakiwsky Visti, reaching here today from Cracow.

The paper reports that there are still many Jews living in the city of Rovno and other Wolhynian cities which were formerly a part of Poland. They are required to wear a yellow circle on their backs in order to be distinguished from Jews in Nazi-held Galicia who wear a yellow Star of David. Some of them are employed at manual labor, but plans are being made to send all of them to do drainage work in the Pinsk swamps.

Many Jews are also still living in Rozow, which was on the pre-war Polish-Russian frontier in the Ukraine, about twenty miles from Rovno, the Krakiwsky Visti reports. It adds that practically no Jews are left in the Soviet part of Wolhynia because the majority of them retreated with the Russian army, and many others were killed when the towns were occupied by the German troops.

LONDON TO BROADCAST MAY FIRST MESSAGE TO JEWISH WORKERS IN POLAND

LONDON, April 27. (JTA)-- A message of encouragement to the Jewish workers in Nazi-held Poland will be broadcast from here in Yiddish on Friday, May 1st, by Samuel Zygelbaum, the Jewish labor member of the Polish National Council.

In preparation for May Day which Jewish and non-Jewish labor organizations will observe here under the slogan of "all possible aid to Soviet Russia in the fight against Nazism," the Jewish Cultural Club of London today issued an appeal to the Jews of Great Britain to establish a committee composed of representatives of leading Jewish groups for the purpose of organizing maximum aid for Russia's war effort.

The CIP, an international correspondence bureau, reports the existence of a new unofficial version of the Internationale, the Soviet national anthem, in which the anti-religious lines have been omitted. Soviet ambassador Maisky, the report states, though asserting that there has been no official change in the text of the Internationale, did not, however, deny the existence of an unofficial modified version of the anthem. "Which version will ultimately prevail will depend upon a multiplicity of circumstances," the report declares.

HUNGARIAN CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY SCORED BY PROMINENT NOBLEMAN

ZURICH, April 27. (JTA)-- Sharp criticism of the corruption characterizing the confiscation of Jewish-owned property in Hungary and the charge that such expropriation is a violation of the principle of private property is voiced by Count George Pallavicini, member of one of the most prominent families in Hungary, in an open letter to Premier Nicholas von Kallay, appearing in the Budapest daily Esti Kurir, which was received here today.

Pointing out that von Kallay's prestige will suffer if government officials are allowed to benefit directly from the seizure of Jewish property, the Hungarian nobleman demands that "if measures against Jews are unavoidable, control of the property should be taken out of the hands of interested parties."

Confiscation of Jewish possessions was decreed by Kallay even before such a proposal was formally submitted to Parliament, Pallavicini emphasizes, urging that "if the bill is approved by both houses, as no doubt it will be, it should at least be enforced with clean hands."

NAZI OCCUPATION FORCES TIGHTEN ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA

ZURICH, April 27. (JTA)-- All persons in Serbia holding property which has been obtained from Jews since April 6, 1941, the day Hitler invaded Yugoslavia, or who owe debts to Jews, are required to submit details of such transactions to the Nazi occupation authorities within a month, in an order published in Novo Vreme, a Nazi-controlled Serbian paper, reaching here today.

The new decree, which applies to Jews and Gypsies, covers all contracts concluded since April 6, last year, even if made without any intention of evading the law. It declares that all transactions between Serbs and Jews, even those concluded before the Nazi invasion, are null and void. Any contract or agreement entered into with intent to evade the anti-Jewish laws will be severely punished.

The extent of German-fostered anti-Jewish propaganda in Serbia is disclosed in an announcement by Milan Neditch, premier of Nazi-held Yugoslavia, also appearing in the Novo Vreme, that 100,000 copies of five different anti-Semitic pamphlets have been distributed throughout Serbia since November 1, 1941.

METROPOLITAN PRESS RIDICULES HITLER'S ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS IN REICHSTAG SPEECH

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA)-- The anti-Jewish outbursts of Hitler in his address before the Reichstag yesterday are ridiculed today in the leading metropolitan newspapers as words which have long since lost their meaning.

"The old, old phrases about the Jews no longer have even an insane relation to the actual situation of the Germans in the world of Hitler's creation," says an editorial in the New York Herald-Tribune, commenting on Hitler's speech. The N.Y. Times in an editorial declares that "Hitler desperately seeks to pin responsibility for the war on his enemies and particularly 'the Jews' but the world has now listened to too many Hitler speeches of this sort to be influenced greatly more by one more."

In devoting a considerable portion of his address to the usual violent attacks against the Jews, Hitler stated: "A Jewish clique has driven America into this war against all her better interests solely from the Jewish capitalistic point of view. Roosevelt has surrounded himself with a brain trust whose leading names I need not enumerate - they are all Jews."

At the same time he told his audience that "the principles of the Bolshevik world plague called the rule of the proletariat was in fact a dictatorship of Jews leading to the emasculation of national feeling and the seizure of power by Jewish criminals."

Continuing his long apology to the German people for the existence of the present war, Hitler said, "All the forces which drove England into the World War of 1914 were Jewish. The forces which paralyzed us then and made us surrender were Jewish. Jews instigated the revolution among our people, but the Jews have also maneuvered the British Empire into a dangerous war in 1939. The Jews are the carriers of the Bolshevik infection which threatened to destroy Europe. They are the wormongers."

DUTCH NAZIS FINDING DIFFICULTY IN SELLING ANTI-SEMITISM TO NETHERLANDERS

LONDON, April 27. (JTA)-- The difficulty being encountered by the Dutch Nazis in their campaign to sell anti-Semitism to the people of the Netherlands was strikingly indicated in a broadcast by Ernst Veerhoeve, propaganda chief of the Mussertists, the Dutch Nazis, heard today.

Answering queries by listeners as to why the Mussert party has recently intensified its anti-Jewish activities, Veerhoeve went to great lengths in attempting to explain the political necessity for the anti-Jewish drive, without admitting that it was adopted solely as a result of German pressure. He declared that his listeners' questions almost sounded like a "reproach," and concluded by promising that in further broadcasts he would justify the anti-Semitic policy of his party.

CENSUS OF JEWS IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN COLONY WILL BE CONCLUDED APRIL 30

VICHY, April 27. (JTA)-- A census of all foreign or naturalized Jews who entered Algeria after Jan. 1, 1936 is in progress and will be concluded April 30, it was announced here today. A similar census has already been taken in other French possessions.

The Pariser Zeitung today carries a report of the arrest of a Jew, Meyer Weijbort, who escaped from the Drancy concentration camp seven months ago. The Nazi paper reveals that Weijbort succeeded in reaching Marseilles; proceeded from there to Brittany and then went to Paris where he was captured.

WEDGWOOD SEES POSTWAR PALESTINE AS SELF-GOVERNING MEMBER OF FEDERAL UNION

LONDON, April 27. (JTA)-- A Jewish Palestine as a free member in a Federal Union composed of Great Britain, the United States, the British Dominions and India was visualized here today by Col. Joshua Wedgwood addressing a meeting of the Friends of a Jewish Labor Palestine.

"Palestine should find its place after the war in such a Union with the same self-governing rights as the other members of this Union," Wedgwood said. "There must not exist any immigration laws among the members of the Union. Palestine, achieving a Jewish majority, must rule itself with justice for everybody, including of course, the Arabs."

James Middleton, addressing the meeting in behalf of the British Labor Party, announced that a delegation of the Labor Party will call upon Lord Cranborne, the British Colonial Minister this week to demand from him that Jewish refugees wandering on the high seas be admitted into Palestine.

A regional conference of the Trade Union Cooperative organizations held today in Yorkshire adopted a resolution urging the labor movement in England "to do everything in its power to put an end to the unjust Palestine policy of closing the doors of the country for refugees from Nazi persecution." The conference, attended by more than 150 delegates, demanded encouragement of the Jewish war effort in Palestine by the creation of a fighting force under a Jewish flag. A resolution expressing sympathy with the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries was also adopted at the conference.

Histadruth Hopes Oriental Nations Will Help Jews Find Their Place in Postwar World

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA)-- The hope that the nations of the Orient which are now fighting for their freedom will assist other nations which are not yet liberated in finding their place in the world after the present war is won, was expressed here today in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the convention of the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine.

Another resolution emphasized that the interests of the Jewish and Arab workers are identical, and that there is no contradiction between the Jewish national and social aspirations and those of the Arab masses. Greetings were sent by the convention to India, Soviet Russia and to labor organizations in Britain and the United States.

EINSTEIN, LEHMAN URGE ARGENTINE JEWS TO HELP PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, April 27. (JTA)-- More than 3,000 people attended the opening of the Keren Hayesod campaign in Argentina here last night at which messages of greeting from Prof. Albert Einstein and Governor Herbert H. Lehman were read. The principal speaker at the gathering was Leib Jaffe, director of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem who arrived here from the United States.

Prof. Einstein, in his message, called upon the Jews of Argentina to prepare themselves for post-war reconstruction work emphasizing that the development of Palestine will be one of the main tasks. Governor Lehman, in his message, said that "the Jews of Palestine have shown themselves ready for every sacrifice and they merit the fullest measure of help." The meeting was presided over by Nathan Gesang, president of the Zionist Organization of Argentina.