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JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES PALESTINE FOR IRAN TO ARRANGE RELIEF FOR POLISH JEWS

LONDON, April 28. (JTA)-- Raphael Szafer, former head of the Palestine Office in Warsaw, today proceeded from Jerusalem to Teheran as a member of the Polish Red Cross delegation which is to deal with all cases of Polish nationals reaching Iran from Soviet Russia. Mr. Szafer will also represent the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations of Great Britain, it was stated here today.

One of the missions with which Mr. Szafer is entrusted is arranging for the transportation to Palestine of Polish nationals who are holders of Palestine visas. He will also handle relief problems for the refugees from Poland reaching Iran from Soviet Russia. Special authorization has been given him to arrange relief for Jewish refugees from Poland who are still on Russian soil.

The question of relief for Polish Jews now stranded in Soviet Russia will be taken up here next Sunday at a conference called by the Council of Polish Jews in Britain. Count Raczynski, the Polish Foreign Minister, is expected to address the gathering.

ALL CZECH JEWS SLATED FOR DEPORTATION TO POLAND. JEWISH DEPUTY DECLARES

LONDON, April 28. (JTA)-- The fortress-town of Theresienstadt to which the Germans have deported thousands of Czech Jews, and which has been designated by Nazi ruler Reinhard Heydrich as the place where all Czech Jews will ultimately be confined, is, nevertheless, only a transit camp for Czech Jews who will eventually be deported to Poland, it was stated today by Ernst Frischer, Jewish member of the Czechoslovakian State Council, addressing a press conference here.

Frischer estimated that there are still 70,000 Jews in the Jewish quarters of Prague and that Jewish populations still reside in the towns of Brno and Brod in Southern Moravia. He declared that recent information reaching official Czech circles from Slovakia indicates that the present mass deportations of Jews, which are being carried out by the Slovak authorities, are for the purpose of concentrating all the Slovakian Jews in convenient assembly points from which they can be shipped to a "reservation area which the Nazis plan to establish for all of Europe's Jews."

The Jewish deputy expressed the opinion that a solution of the Jewish problem in Europe is impossible in any single state, but must be based on unified Jewish demands for equality in all of Europe and the world. Frischer forecast that the difficulties of postwar economic rehabilitation of millions of Jews will undoubtedly result in mass emigration to Palestine. He stressed, however, that at the same time, that Jewish groups demand free and unrestricted immigration of Jews to Palestine, they must also demand of the respective governments that those Jews who wish to return to their countries of origin must be allowed to do so and must be granted full civil rights.

MANY REFUGEES AIDED BY N.R.S. IN FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1942

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA)-- A rise in employment placements for refugee men and women in the first quarter of 1942 is reported today by the National Refugee Service.

From January through March, job placements totalled 1,643 as compared with 1,595 for the preceding three months. An additional 155 placements were made in behalf of professionals--72 being for physicians, the balance for musicians and religious functionaries.

SOVIET-JEWISH HERO SAYS MEETING NAZIS FACE TO FACE MADE HIM JEW-CONSCIOUS

MOSCOW, April 28. (JTA)-- The hero of the day in today's Soviet press is Samuel Liberman, a feeble-looking Jewish watchmaker with sad eyes, narrow shoulders, and a small chest who, despite being three wounded, returned to the fighting line on the Soviet-Nazi front and together with another soldier captured an important Nazi officer and soldiers who escorted him.

"I was never conscious of myself as a Jew until I came face to face with the Nazi officer whom we captured," he said to your correspondent today in the hospital where he is laying with a head wound from the bullets which the German officer fired into his face because he had been forced to surrender to a Jew.

Accustomed to handling the most delicate mechanism, this frail Jewish watchmaker, after recuperating from his third wound, which he received in the present war, insisted that he be sent back to the front. One day last week he was sent on a reconnaissance mission together with a Russian soldier named Yippolitov. They knew that they were facing one of the Nazi S.S. elite regiments who carried out the massacres of Jews in Kiev and in Odessa. As they lay concealed along the road close to the German line, a military auto appeared. They fired. The car stopped and three Germans, an officer and two soldiers, jumped out. The fourth occupant of the car was killed.

Uses Ruse To Trap Nazi Soldiers

Simulating different voices, the Jewish watchmaker shouted to the Nazis to surrender. The trick worked. The Nazis thought that they were surrounded by many Russian soldiers and raised their hands.

"Yippolitov and myself then walked out from our hiding place and began to disarm the prisoners," Liberman related. "The two Nazi soldiers were still holding up their hands, but the Nazi officer, noticing that there were only two of us, leaped aside, drew his revolver and shouted, 'You dirty Jew. You have deceived us. We'll exterminate all of you. Where we come from, there are no more Jews left.' He fired at me and then immediately dropped his revolver and raised his hands.

"Kill this worm!" Yippolitov shouted at me, holding the other two at bay. My face was bleeding, but I decided to bring the Nazi officer to our military quarters for questioning, rather than to kill him. Yippolitov, in the meantime, had tied the hands of the other two prisoners. Blood continued to course from my mouth and I feared that I was losing consciousness. The thought, however, that Yippolitov alone would not be able to deliver all three prisoners to headquarters kept me walking until we reached the first dressing station."

The story of Liberman's exploit is featured in the Soviet press today side by side with the news that Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov last night informed all friendly governments of the terrible atrocities which the Nazi troops are inflicting on a mass scale upon the population in occupied Soviet territory. Molotov's note contained documentation supporting the charges, including German military orders, the names of the towns and data on the killing and plundering of innocent victims.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION PLEDGES MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO AMERICA'S WAR EFFORT

ATLANTIC CITY, April 28. (JTA)-- Maximum support of America's war effort was pledged by the convention of the United Synagogue of America in a resolution adopted here at the closing session last night. The resolution expressed determination to contribute to the "limit of our resources, material and spiritual, and our very lives, to the services of our country until a victorious peace is achieved."

The convention approved the recent steps taken by the government to curb purveyors of racial and religious hatred and condemned all efforts to "divide the nation against itself and stir up racial and religious prejudices within its borders."

Devoted to various aspects of adjusting the synagogue to the problems faced by Jews in war-time, the convention urged in one of its resolutions that the Rabbinical Assembly of America re-examine the details of Jewish religious law "with a view to easing the problems that may arise in the personal and family lives of those called to arms in the defense of their country." The gathering went on record as disapproving gambling or games of chance as a means of fund-raising, recommended the appointment of a committee to study the feasibility of merging large and small synagogues serving the same area, urged appointment of a committee to develop plans for increasing synagogue attendance and asked greater support of the "Synagogue Center," the organization's official publication, and of the Young People's League.

The nation-wide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was endorsed by the convention. Louis J. Moss of Brooklyn was re-elected president of the United Synagogue for a sixth term. Among the speakers who addressed the delegates during the four-day meeting was Rabbi Leon Lang, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, Baron Guy de Rothschild, Rabbi Isaac Landman, editor of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, and many others. Rabbi Landman, who spoke as a representative of the Synagogue Council of America, pleaded for Jewish unity on the basis of "Judaism as religion." He was the first Reform rabbi to address the United Synagogue since its founding in 1913.

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