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LAVAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTS NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES AS DICTATOR OVER FRENCH JEWRY

BERN, April 30. (JTA)-- Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, notorious French anti-Semite who the pre-Nazi Paris press frequently charged was financed by the German Ministry of Propaganda, is reported today from Vichy to have been appointed by Laval to the post of Commissar for Jewish Affairs, replacing Xavier Vallat.

The appointment is taken to mean that more perilous days are ahead for the Jews in France and in the French possessions. Darquier de Pellepoix, speaking in 1938 at a session of the Paris municipal council, of which he was a member, publicly urged that "the Jews in France be sent back to the ghetto and to the Orient." The pre-war Paris press termed him "the Hitler of France" because of his bitter anti-Jewish articles in the newspaper "France Enchaînée" of which he was the editor.

When a law forbidding anti-Jewish propaganda was issued by the French Government in the summer of 1939, shortly before the outbreak of the present war, Darquier de Pellepoix was the first Frenchman to violate it. He was placed under arrest on charges of conducting propaganda financed from abroad following a police raid on his home and the editorial offices of his newspaper, during which incriminating documents were confiscated. Sentenced in July 1939 to a three-month jail term and a 500-franc fine for anti-Semitic agitation, he was indicted a second time at the end of the same month for another inciting anti-Jewish article carried in his paper soon after the sentence was issued, and for sending secret instructions to his followers urging them to use more subtle tactics in spreading anti-Semitism in France.

The instructions provided among other things for the establishment in France of a central organization for anti-Jewish propaganda headed by a "Fuehrer" authorized to issue orders to all organized anti-Semites in the country. The instructions also gave detailed directions to the anti-Semitic followers of Darquier de Pellepoix on how anti-Jewish propaganda was to be conducted on the street, in restaurants and coffee-houses, in stores and in society.

BULGARIA FORCED TO GRANT EXCEPTIONS TO ANTI-JEWISH DECREES

STOCKHOLM, April 30. (JTA)-- Bulgaria, which has been following a progressively severe anti-Semitic policy, was forced this week to exempt certain Jews from the rigid anti-Jewish decrees, it was reported today by the Berlin correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet.

Faced with unsettled economic conditions as a result of the purge of Jews, the government has announced a list of Jews - mainly persons engaged in supplying goods to the state and wholesalers in various commodities - who are exempt from the anti-Jewish restrictions. Jewish doctors have also been granted the same privileges. At the same time that it ordered these exemptions the government announced more restrictive regulations for the general Jewish population.

JEWISH WORKERS IN PALESTINE TO WORK ON MAY DAY; INCOME WILL GO TO SOLDIERS' FUND

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA)-- Jewish workers in Palestine will observe May Day tomorrow by remaining at work and contributing the day's pay to the Soldiers' Fund and to the Refugee Relief Fund, it was announced here today by the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor.

The Small Zionist Actions Committee today concluded a two-day session after hearing a report on the political activities being conducted by members of the executive of the Jewish Agency in Washington, London and Jerusalem. The Committee adopted a resolution emphasizing that "the present hour demands the utmost efforts for strengthening the Yishuv in the face of imminent perils." Another resolution empowers the Jewish Agency, in cooperation with the Jewish National Council of Palestine, to prepare extensive plans for enlistment, security and fund-raising "in accordance with the demands of the present hour."

VESSEL CARRYING RUMANIAN JEWISH REFUGEES PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA)-- The State Department today informed the United Rumanian Jews of America that the small vessel "Michai" carrying 28 Jewish refugees from Rumania has left Turkish shores for Palestine "with all documents in order." The refugees are expected to be permitted to land in Haifa.

The "Michai" has been anchored at Istanbul since March 18 with the refugees not being permitted to land on Turkish soil. The American Ambassador in Ankara had been instructed by the State Department to intervene with the Turkish authorities to secure permission for the refugee passengers to land until Palestine visas were secured for them. The Ambassador replying, informed the State Department that the vessel left Istanbul for Palestine this week.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS STAGED IN SLOVAKIA AT FUNERAL OF SLAIN POLICEMAN

ZURICH, April 30. (JTA)-- Severe anti-Jewish disturbances took place in the Slovakian city of Chlumeck, home town of police sergeant Pazisky who was killed last week during clashes between the Slovak police and an armed band near the town of Humenne, according to information carried by the Nazi press reaching here today. The Donau Zeitung states that Pazisky's funeral was followed by "bitter demonstrations" against the Jews.

The Slovak government, following the battle at Humenne, broadcast reports that it was between a group of Slovak police and a "band of Jews seeking to escape deportation." Other, unbiased reports reaching here from Slovakia during the past week, however, indicated that the group that fought the police were not Jews but Slovaks, dissatisfied with the anti-Jewish persecutions and the general Nazification of their country.

NAZIS DEFEY OPPOSITION OF DUTCH POPULATION, INTRODUCE NEW ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

STOCKHOLM, April 30. (JTA)-- All anti-Jewish regulations which are now in force in Germany will be introduced also in Holland despite the fact that the Dutch population displays sympathy with the Jews, it was reported today by the Transocean News Agency, a Nazi organ.

The Nazi press agency also states that henceforth every Jew in Holland will have to wear a yellow armband with the word "Jood" ("Jew") on it. Heretofore, Dutch Jews have not been forced to wear yellow stars, but their identity cards were stamped with the word "Jew."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES WILL RAISE MORE IN 1942 FOR PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA)-- Confidence that American Jewish communities would meet their old as well as new war-time responsibilities was reflected in the campaign goals set by most Jewish federations and welfare funds in inaugurating their annual Spring drives, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Fears held by some campaign executives that increased taxes, loss of manpower, industrial dislocation and rising costs of living would bog down the first war-time campaigns gave way to a surge of optimism, with federations and welfare funds aiming at goals from 10 to 25 per cent above last year's figures. Early and incomplete reports trickling into the Council from communities which launched their campaigns in February and March support the view that American Jewish communities will raise more in 1942 for philanthropic causes than in previous years. About half of the Spring campaigns have already started, with the others scheduled to open in May.

Spring Campaigns Show Great Promise

Atlanta, which last year raised \$113,092, will this year seek \$135,000. Cleveland, which realized \$796,213 in 1941, has set a goal of \$908,379. Los Angeles, which attained \$707,600 in 1941, is shooting at \$1,000,000 this year. Other 1942 goals and 1941 results are: Chattanooga, \$30,000 as against \$21,775 in 1941; Duluth, \$57,500 and \$50,819; El Paso, \$23,000, \$17,564; Fort Wayne, \$60,000, \$54,252; Hartford, \$199,727, \$164,555; Indianapolis, \$168,000, \$140,071, and San Diego, \$40,000, \$30,000.

Early 1942 returns sugar well for fund-raising efforts. Columbus, Ga., one of the few complete campaigns, raised \$11,000 as against \$8,192 in 1941. Birmingham, which attained \$55,000 last year, reports \$56,800 with figures incomplete. Incomplete reports give Galveston \$20,000 as compared with \$18,100, Houston, \$130,557 as against \$127,279 in 1941, Lafayette, Ind., \$18,082 against a total of \$15,000 last year; Louisville thus far has \$121,750, 1941 total \$114,017, Tampa shows \$17,812 with a 1941 attainment of \$8,500, and Sheboygan, Wis., reports \$4,890 as compared with \$3,600 last year.

Communities Report Sizeable Increases

Winnipeg, which opened its campaign on April 13, reports a net increase of \$20,500 on the first \$71,000 collected, this sum includes \$5,000 from 850 new subscribers. Indianapolis reports pledges totalling \$143,792, approximately \$3,700 above the 1941 mark, with 1,100 cards still unreported. In opening the Bridgeport campaign 19 contributors raised their gifts from \$8,775 in 1941 to \$12,675 this year. Southern Illinois enjoyed a similar experience, 51 givers, who produced \$11,450 last year, raising their total to \$19,150. Newark, Hartford and New Haven were among many other communities reporting sizeable boosts in the big-gifts categories.

A brief survey of the early campaigns indicated that campaign executives are stressing the need for broadening the base of contributions, larger volunteer staffs and a more intensive pre-campaign publicity program to translate in dramatic terms the rising local, national and overseas needs. These points were held essential to successful drives in 1942 at campaign seminars conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds throughout the country during the past three months.

JTA SERVICES PRAISED AT MEETING OF PALESTINE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA)-- The services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency were lauded here today at the annual meeting of the Journalists Association attended by representatives of central Jewish institutions and by H.C. Holmes, the press officer of the Palestine Government.

Joseph Frank, an American journalist who is now with the American Field Service in the Middle East, addressing the gathering on problems of American journalism in war-time, spoke warily of the role which the Jewish Telegraphic Agency plays in America as the channel through which Jewish news reaches the general press. He spoke to the Palestine journalists on the American censorship system and on the activities of the American Newspaper Guild. Mayor Rokach greeted the meeting in behalf of the Tel Aviv municipality.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN HONORED BY CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA)-- A citation in recognition of his distinguished service to the cause of understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews was presented today to Professor Carlton J. H. Hayes, newly-appointed U.S. Ambassador to Spain, at a reception in his honor at the Hotel Roosevelt.

The reception was given by the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The citation to Dr. Hayes was presented by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference, on behalf of the Board. About one thousand supporters of the National Conference in the Metropolitan area, and communities throughout the country attended. Professor Hayes has been Catholic Co-Chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews since its inception in 1928.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY DELEGATION CONFERS WITH CRANBORNE ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, April 30. (JTA)-- A delegation representing the executive committee of the British Labor Party today called upon the Colonial Secretary, Lord Cranborne, to discuss the case of the torpedoed Rumanian refugee ship Struma and the general immigration policy of the Palestine administration. Included in the group were Harold Laski, James Griffith, Harold Clay and Mrs. Barbara Ayrton Gould.

David Stoleru, twenty-one year old professional swimmer, who was the only survivor of the 768 refugees on board the Struma, arrived today in Palestine, according to information reaching here.

British Zionist Women Will Collect Salvage to Buy Land in Palestine

LONDON, April 30. (JTA)-- British Zionist women expect to raise approximately \$40,000 to purchase additional land in Palestine and at the same time contribute much salvageable material to Britain's war effort as the result of a gigantic rummage sale which they are launching, it was announced here today.

The Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain, together with the women's division of the British Jewish National Fund, are collecting all sorts of waste material, which will either be resold, if useable, or melted down and used for war purposes. Mrs. Rebecca Sieff has been elected chairman of the drive.

DR. CHARLES COHEN, PROMINENT BELGIAN PHYSICIAN, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, April 30. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Charles Cohen, 61, prominent Belgian physician who fled his native land after the Nazi invasion. He was attached to the Pasteur Institute in Brussels for twenty years