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GERMANS FORBID JEWS IN HOLLAND TO WEAR WAR DECORATIONS

STOCKHOLM, May 5. (JTA)-- Regulations issued by the Nazi administration in Holland prohibit Jews from wearing orders and war decorations, according to a report from Amsterdam published today in the Dagens Nyheter. The new regulations supplement the order issued by the Nazis last week, ordering the Jews of Holland to wear a yellow Mogen David.

Other reports reaching here today from Holland state that the Nazi authorities in Amsterdam last week vetoed a decision of the local municipality to subsidize the Jewish ghetto schools. The Dutch hold that Jews, though being isolated from the non-Jewish population in the city are still tax payers and thus entitled to receive municipal support for their schools.

ANTI-JEWISH BRIGADES ORGANIZED IN OCCUPIED FRANCE TO RAID JEWISH HOMES

BERNE, May 5. (JTA)-- The organization of special "Anti-Jewish Brigades" by anti-Semitic groups in occupied France for the purpose of helping the Nazi occupational authorities raid Jewish homes, was revealed today in a report from Paris stating that the first raid on Jews by these "brigades" was made yesterday in the famous Paris "flea market" where Jews come to sell their last remaining belongings. ✓

The "flea market," where second-hand articles are sold, was surrounded by the members of the anti-Jewish brigade and each person there who appeared to be Jewish was asked for his identification papers. More than thirty Jews were arrested in the raid, the Paris report stated.

GESTAPO ORGAN DEMANDS THAT JEWS IN GERMANY BE FORCED TO WEAR DERBIES

ZURICH, May 5. (JTA)-- A demand that all Jews in the Reich, in addition to wearing yellow patches on their clothing, should be compelled to wear a derby, is made in the "Schwarte Korps," organ of the Gestapo.

The Gestapo paper claims that the Jews in Germany are becoming more and more adept at "disguising themselves" as German workers. It insists that the Jews be forced to wear the derbies so that they can be readily recognized as Jews from all angles.

TWO JEWS NAMED MAJOR GENERALS IN THE SOVIET ARMY

KULBYSHEV, May 5. (JTA)-- Two Jews were promoted yesterday to the rank of major generals in the Red Army in recognition for their work at the front. The two are Gen. Naum Lewentow and Isaj Rivkin.

It is reported that a large number of high officers in the Red Army are Jews, although exact data cannot be obtained. Many of the Jewish officers are natives of small towns in the Ukraine and White Russia who have devoted themselves to military study for the last twenty years. They started as ordinary soldiers during the early days of the Red Army and later were graduated from the Moscow Military Academy.

CLOTHING FROM USA, PALESTINE DISTRIBUTED AMONG POLISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

KUIBYSHEV, May 5. (JTA)-- More than 600 bales of clothing, including 500 from the United States and 122 from Palestine, have already reached Soviet territory for distribution among Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Poland stranded in Russia, it was announced by Polish diplomatic circles here today. In addition, many individual parcels have arrived from Palestine.

The bales, all of which arrived in good condition, have been opened by representatives of the Polish embassy and their contents distributed among the refugees under instructions from the embassy that no distinction be made among the applicants. About 400 of the bales came from Polish relief organizations in America and 104 bales came from the Jewish Labor Committee of New York. The 122 bales from Palestine were sent by the Federation of Polish Jews there. A transport of medicaments sent by the Joint Distribution Committee is expected to reach Soviet territory in the next few days.

The Soviet authorities are facilitating distribution of the supplies. Some of the clothing which arrived was carried by Soviet planes to distant places while other shipments were transported within the country by train at reduced freight rates. Free transportation was provided by the Soviet authorities for the shipment of the bales from the United States to the Soviet port of Vladivostok.

80,000 PALESTINE JEWS REPORTED FIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA)-- Eighty thousand Palestine Jews between the ages of 18 and 55 are fit for military service, it was estimated here today by speakers addressing a plenum of the Jewish National Council. Of these, 40,000 are needed for agriculture and war industries leaving the other 40,000 available for immediate service.

It was pointed out at the session that half of this number - about 20,000 - have already enlisted as members of the armed forces, as supernumeraries or in other branches of the Palestine defense set-up. It is urgently necessary for an additional 10,000 young men to volunteer for the armed forces and the other defense services, the speakers stressed. They recommended that youths between the ages of 17 and 20 be mobilized for work in the fields, in order to enable those engaged in agriculture or industry to enlist in the reserves where they will receive thorough training so that they could immediately join the army should the need arise.

Palestine Women Leave for Duty "Somewhere in the Middle East"

The first contingent of 400 trained members of the Palestine Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service left here for duty "somewhere in the Middle East." They are under the command of their own officers. This is the first unit of uniformed Palestinian women who have ever left the country for service in neighboring territory.

At the same time it was revealed here today that 51 Palestine Jews are now serving with the Royal Navy. Many of these were graduated from the Palestine Naval School. As a result of negotiations between the Jewish authorities and the Royal Navy the first group of Jewish seamen joined the British naval forces last year. They are engaged in special services such as minesweeping. Jewish specialists are still being accepted by the navy.

NO LEGISLATION TO DENY INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CHARITY IS PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT

DETROIT, May 5. (JTA)-- The question of whether the government is contemplating legislation which would deny deduction of charitable contributions from income tax returns - a question in which the United Jewish Appeal and other charitable organizations have been interested since President Roosevelt's address to the nation on April 28 on new taxation - has been officially answered in the negative in a letter received here today from the Treasury Department by Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit.

"I am pleased to inform you that this Department has not recommended and does not contemplate recommending any legislation which would reduce or deny the allowance of a deduction for charitable contributions that is provided for income tax purposes," D. W. Bell, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, wrote to Mr. Sobeloff.

The statement from the Treasury Department was in reply to an inquiry addressed by Mr. Sobeloff to President Roosevelt in which the President was asked to indicate whether the system of deductible exemption for charitable contributions would be continued in reckoning net income on which taxes against 1942 incomes are due.

Pointing out that such a statement would encourage contributors to the Allied Jewish Campaign in Detroit who are in the higher income brackets, Mr. Sobeloff in his inquiry added that "if a statement from a governmental source announced that proposed legislation did not contemplate deduction of customary charity contribution credit income before taxes," it might be helpful to all charitable appeals this year and not only to the Detroit campaign in particular.

"Any statement, however, issued even in the most general and tentative terms would stimulate continued generous giving if such contributions could be made in the knowledge that raising of additional taxes need not affect giving to philanthropies as indeed you so kindly have declared previously before the new tax law for the current year was proposed," Mr. Sobeloff's inquiry to the President stated.

NAZIS FORCE JEWS IN POLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-CATHOLIC PROCESSIONS

LONDON, May 5. (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities in occupied Poland are charged today in Dziennik Polski, official organ of the Polish Government-in-exile, with compelling Jews to dress in robes of Catholic priests and to participate in anti-religious mock processions.

This is being done by the Nazis, the paper says, with a view of outraging the religious feelings of the Polish population and at the same time inciting the Poles against the Jews by making it appear that the Jews are committing sacrilege.

The practice of driving Jews through the streets of the city forcing them to wear liturgical robes was first instituted by the Nazis in the town of Plock and has been going on there for weeks, the Polish Government organ charges. Most of the Jews were driven out of Plock soon after the Nazi occupation of the city in 1939, but the few remaining Jews there were ordered to appear in anti-Catholic mock processions wearing robes which the Nazis confiscated from Catholic churches, the Dziennik Polski reports.

ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT GRATIFIED AT SUSPENSION OF "SOCIAL JUSTICE"

DETROIT, May 5. (JTA)-- The Archbishop of Detroit, Most Rev. Edward Mooney, in a statement issued here last night expressed his satisfaction over the fact that Social Justice has suspended publication. The statement reads:

"I am gratified to learn that the question between the Postoffice Department and Social Justice magazine, involving a priest of this diocese, has been disposed of as reported in today's paper. Regardless, however, of how the matter might have been disposed of, I had a definite and explicit commitment from Father Coughlin on May 1 that, from that date forward, his severance of all connection, whether direct or indirect, with the magazine would be absolute and complete. My understanding with him is sufficiently broad and firm to exclude effectively the recurrence of any such unpleasant situation."

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

TRENTON, May 5. (JTA)-- Governor Charles Edison today signed a bill providing stiff penalties for war or public works contractors who refuse to employ a person because of race, color or creed. The maximum sentence was put at six months' imprisonment and fine of \$500.

"The central purpose for which we are fighting this war," Mr. Edison said, "is to defend the rights of men as men. We are combatting nations and forces that seek to do the very things that this bill forbids."

MIZRACHI WOMEN PLEDGE TO BRING TOTAL WAR BOND PURCHASES TO HALF-MILLION MARK

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA)-- The members of the Mizrahi Women's Organization have purchased \$250,000 worth of war bonds and will buy an additional quarter of a million dollars' worth, it was announced today at the organization's "Victory Luncheon" in the Hotel Astor here.

The luncheon was addressed by Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of the Czech Government-in-Exile who declared that "the next six months may decide the future of the human race." Rabbi Samuel Brodt, former chief rabbi of Antwerp, also spoke, urging that Jews have "a voice at the peace table in the task of reconstruction." Proceeds from the luncheon, which were estimated at about \$25,000, will be used to support the homes, schools and training centers that the Mizrahi Women maintain in Palestine.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES PHYSICAL TRAINING CENTER

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA)-- A center for physical culture and sport has been established at the Hebrew University here as part of the program to gear the University to the war effort, it was revealed today at a press conference by Dr. Eliezer Riger and Dr. Emmanuel Simon. The two professors also announced that special two-year courses for instructors in physical culture in the Jewish schools in Palestine have been set up. They stressed the fact that henceforth physical training will have a prominent place in the Jewish educational system.

DR. LEOPOLD PLASCHKES, AUSTRIAN-JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA)-- Dr. Leopold Plaschkes, Austrian Zionist leader and one-time vice-president of the Vienna Jewish Community Council, died here today at the age of fifty-eight. Dr. Plaschkes remained in Vienna for some time after the Nazis seized Austria and facilitated the emigration to Palestine of many Austrian Jews. He was for many years the Jewish national representative in the Vienna Diet.