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NAZIS IN HOLLAND ATTEMPT TO "EXPLAIN" YELLOW BADGE EDICT TO ENRAGED POPULATION

STOCKHOLM, May 6. (JTA)-- Faced with strong Dutch opposition to introduction of the yellow Mogen David for Jews in Holland, the Nazi authorities have started an "educational program" over the Hilversum radio "to explain to the Dutch people" why anti-Jewish measures are necessary.

In its first broadcast on this subject last night the Hilversum radio admitted that the non-Jews in the Netherlands are sabotaging the anti-Jewish orders issued by the Nazi occupational administration. "These orders," the broadcast said, "have been issued in Holland because as far as the National Socialists are concerned there is no difference between the Jews in Germany and those in other countries. Because of the fact that the anti-Jewish measures introduced hitherto in Holland have been sabotaged, it became necessary to force the Dutch Jews to wear a yellow mark."

Assuring the Dutch people that there is nothing degrading in Jews wearing yellow Mogen Davids, and that the Netherlands, therefore, have no ground for protests, the Nazi broadcast stated: "The Star of David is taken by the Jews as a sign signifying their nationality. Many people do not understand it. Jews cannot be Dutch and at the same time remain Jews."

Newspapers from Holland reaching here today report that Dutch farmers and foodstores have been warned not to sell any eggs to Jews working in forced labor camps. Any Jewish laborer in these camps who is found with eggs in his possession will be punished, the Meppeler Courant states.

NO CHANGES IN STATUS OF PALESTINE WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH JEWS, CRANBORNE PLEDGES

LONDON, May 6. (JTA)-- The British Government will not "encourage any changes in the status of Palestine without prior consultation with all those, including Jews and Arabs, who might be concerned," Colonial Secretary Lord Cranborne pledged today in the House of Lords, replying to a question put to him by Lord Davies.

In the House of Commons today, Under-Secretary for Colonies Harold MacMillan declared that the government has reached no decision as to what disposition will be made of the several hundred refugees from various vessels who have been confined in the Athlit internment camp for over a year. When several members of Parliament asked MacMillan for assurances that these refugees would not be deported the Under-Secretary advised them to wait for a full statement by him, later.

RUMANIAN, HUNGARIAN CHILDREN WITH PALESTINE VISAS WILL GET TURKISH TRANSIT PERMITS

ISTANBUL, May 6. (JTA)-- The Turkish government has agreed to grant transit visas to all children from Hungary and Rumania who possess valid permits to enter Palestine, it was learned here today.

The Palestine certificates were granted by the British administration following the promise of the Palestine Youth Immigration Committee that maintenance will be provided for the children until their education is completed.

MINSK JEWISH STATE THEATRE MOVED TO NOVOSIBIRSK BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT

MOSCOW, May 6. (JTA)-- The Jewish State Theatre of Soviet White-Russia, which was located in Minsk prior to the Nazi occupation of that city, is now playing in Novosibirsk to where thousands of Jews were evacuated when the German army occupied their cities, it was reported here today.

The theatre opened in Novosibirsk with a play by the Soviet-Jewish author S. Halkin. This is its seventeenth season.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS LANDING OF REFUGEES DESPITE NEW IMMIGRATION DECREE

HAVANA, May 6. (JTA)-- More than 200 refugees who reached Cuba on the Portuguese vessel S.S. San Thome and were held on the ship outside of Havana harbor for ten days pending clarification of their status, were permitted yesterday to disembark as a result of intervention with high Cuban authorities by the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Joint Relief Committee of Havana and American and British diplomatic representatives here.

The refugees, all of whom had Cuban visas, were detained on the steamer as a result of the new Cuban immigration law passed while the San Thome was on the high seas. The law provides for a ban on immigration to Cuba of natives or citizens of enemy or enemy-occupied countries and automatically cancelled all Cuban visas held by refugees in these categories.

President Batista, informed about the situation, took a personal interest in the case and was reported today to have indicated to Premier Saladrigas yesterday that he favored allowing the refugee passengers to disembark. The refugees were then permitted to land and were taken to the Tiscornia immigration station for the usual examination by medical and immigration inspectors, after which they will have the same status as all other refugees in Cuba.

J.D.C. Lauds Humanitarian Act of Cuban Government

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee today issued the following statement lauding the Cuban Government for admitting the refugees from the S.S. San Thome:

"Once again the Government of the Republic of Cuba has demonstrated its humanitarianism by permitting the landing of the San Thome passengers. In so doing, it has afforded a temporary home to blameless victims of Hitlerism who sought asylum in the free Western Hemisphere. It would indeed have been dreadful if, due to a technicality, these 210 refugees, fleeing from Europe and with no place to which they could return, had been compelled to recross the Atlantic. Grateful thanks are due to the Government of Cuba for its recognition of the human factors involved and its generous hospitality to the refugees."

AMERICAN HISTORIAN ESTABLISHES "ZION PROTOCOLS" ARE PERNICIOUS FORGERY

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA)-- The Columbia University Press announced today the publication of an historical study by Dr. John Shelton Curtiss exposing the notorious Protocols of Zion as forged documents shot through with plagiarisms from earlier French and Russian writings. The Protocols, first made public in 1905, purport to set forth secret plans of Jewish leaders to enslave the world and have furnished propaganda for anti-Semitic movements.

Dr. Curtiss, who has taught modern European history at Columbia and other New York universities and is now on leave of absence from his post as assistant archivist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, N. Y., examined the documents with modern historical methods. Thirteen prominent historians, the Columbia Press said, concurred in his conclusions as establishing beyond doubt that the protocols were "frank and pernicious forgeries."

"The protocols," Dr. Curtiss said, "are an anonymous work with no convincing indication that they were produced by Jewish leaders." Dr. Curtiss cited several French and Russian works which he said probably were the sources for many of the ideas in the protocols. He said that the importance of the Russian sources was heightened by testimony that the protocols actually were composed in Paris by members of the Russian political police.

THREE-DAY ZIONIST CONFERENCE OPENS IN NEW YORK IN LIEU OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA)-- Five hundred and fifty delegates from all Zionist organizations and parties in this country and Zionist leaders from abroad will meet in the Hotel Biltmore from Saturday night, May 9, to Monday, May 11 in answer to a call for an "extraordinary Zionist conference" under the auspices of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, it was announced today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the Emergency Committee.

The conference, which will determine the direction of Zionist affairs during the war period, is being held in lieu of the biennial World Zionist Congress, which usually meets in Switzerland but was cancelled this year because of the war. Zionist leaders are here for the meeting from Palestine, England, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium, France and South Africa. Many of them are members of the World Zionist Executive, supreme governing body of the World Zionist Organization, and of the Zionist Actions Committee, the legislative body which acts between congresses.

Dr. Weizmann, who arrived from London expressly for the conference, will address the first session Saturday night on political questions affecting the Zionist movement and the future of Palestine. This will be Dr. Weizmann's first public address in this country. Dr. Wise will preside at the opening session. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, of Philadelphia, president of the Zionist Organization of America, will be chairman of the Sunday morning session, at which David Ben-Gurion will speak on "Palestine as the Solution of the Jewish Problem." Problems concerned with developments in Palestine, including the Arab-Jewish question, will be discussed during the afternoon and evening sessions Sunday. At the close of the discussion Dr. Nehum Goldmann will speak on "Jewry in the Post-War World."

The meetings Monday will center on problems and plans of the Zionist movement in America, with special reference to the responsibilities of the movement in this country in the light of the suspension of Zionist activity in Continental Europe. The principal speaker in the evening will be Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, who returned recently from an extended visit to England in the interests of Zionist affairs. He will give a summation of Zionist policy and action for the war and post-war period. The conference will close with addresses by Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Wise.

POST-WAR COOPERATION BETWEEN JEWS AND POLES DISCUSSED HERE

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA)-- The problems which the Jews in Poland will face after the war is over were outlined here yesterday at a press luncheon addressed by Morris D. Waldman, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, and Max Gottschalk, director of the Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems established by the Committee.

The luncheon marked the publication of "The New Order In Poland" by Dr. Simon Segal, a member of the staff of the Institute. The volume was prepared under the auspices of the Institute and is published by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

In speaking on post-war cooperation between Jews and Poles in a liberated Poland, Mr. Waldman pointed out that though there will no doubt be emigration from Poland when the war is over, American Jews consider it a basic principle that Jews in post-war Poland be equal citizens and that the proposals for "Jewish evacuation" stimulated by the pre-war Polish regime must remain a matter of the past. Dr. Segal, the author of the new book, spoke in a similar vein. Mr. Gottschalk described the work which the Research Institute is conducting.