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NAZIS IN HOLLAND TAKING OVER JEWISH PROPERTY VALUED AT \$270,000,000

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- The German authorities in the Netherlands are taking over Jewish interests of a total value of 500,000,000 guilders - \$270,000,000 - it was reported here today by the Dutch news agency, Aheta.

The occupation authorities have registered 21,000 Jewish-owned business enterprises, valued at a total of 150,000,000 guilders, of which 10,000 will be liquidated and the rest taken out of Jewish hands, according to an annuncement in the German-controlled Dutch press. In addition, Jewish possessions, lends and other property to a value of 200,000,000 guilders have been transferred to non-Jews, it was stated, and another 150,000,000 guilders in Jewish-owned securities and capital are "still to be dealt with."

The announcement did not indicate any form of compensation to Jews for the expropriated enterprises. Of the 11,000 firms being taken out of Jewish hands, the announcement said that 8,000 had "voluntarily ousted all Jewish influence" and the remaining 3,000 would be "Aryonized." Indicating that these firms were being taken over by Germans for the most port, the Dutch Nazi weekly De Waag complained that Dutch financial institutions were keeping aloof from such transactions.

SEVERAL HUNDRED JEWS IN ODESSA SENTENCED BY NAZI MILITARY COURTS FOR SABOTAGE

KUIBYSHEV, May 15. (JTA) -- More than 500 people, the majority of them Jews, have been sentenced to death or confined in special concentration cemps by the Nazi military courts in Odessa since February, it is reported today in the "Krasni Flot," official organ of the Soviet Navy. They were all charged with sati-Nazi terror and sabotage.

The paper also reports that several thousand Jews, "mostly women, children and aged," have been deported during the same period from Odessa to the concentration camp in Berezowka, ninety kilometres from the city. In Kiev, the Nazi authorities barred Jewish students from the Medical Institute there, while in Lwow the Jews were barred from the Technical School despite the acute shortage of technicians.

RUMANIAN JEWISH REFUGERS LANDED IN PALESTINE, COLONIAL MINISTER ANNOUNCES

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- Colonial Minister Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House of Lords today announced the landing in Polestine of eighteen Jewish refugees from Rumania on board the cutter Michai. They are now in a detention camp "in accordance with our usual custom," he stated. The vessel was denied permission to land its passengers at Istanbul lest month because the refugees did not possess Palestine visas.

Queried as to the twelve passengers from another Rumanian cutter, the Euexenia, who were landed at Cesme, near Smyrna, when their ship foundered last month, the Colonial Minister said that "there can be no question of their being allowed to enter Palestine since that would be contrary to our declared policy, but the whole matter of their disposal is under consideration."

NAZI RADIO REPORTS GERMAN U-BOAT ACTIVITY IN PALESTINE WATERS

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- The Nazi-controlled Luxemburg radio today claimed that the recent restrictions on shipping in Palestine waters are the result of German U-boat activity, specifically an attack on the Jaffa power plant.

The restrictions referred to by the Luxemburg radio prohibit any ship from approaching closer than two kilometres of the Palestine coast at night and three kilometres during the day without first pausing for inspection by the coastal patrol.

The Palestine government has never announced that the Jaffa electric works had been shelled, although last month it released a report that an unidentified enemy vessel had shelled an undisclosed point on the coast without doing any decage.

MEXICO EVACUATING ALL GERMANS, INCLUDING JEWISH REFUGERS, FROM COASTAL AREAS

MEXICO CITY, May 13. (JTA) -- German Jaws in Mexico, who have not obtained Mexican citizenship - and most of the refugees fall into this category - are being evacuated from coastal areas along the Atlantic and Pacific shores, under a decree issued by the Ministry of the Interior ordering the removal of all Axis nationals from strategic points on the coast, the Mexican press reports today.

The Mexican Government is not differentiating between nationals of Germany who are in the country for commercial reasons and those who have fled from Germany since the rise of Hitler. The refugees have been instructed to report here to receive instructions from the Mexican authorities.

Already many German residents of the Pacific port of Acupulco - including many Jews - have been brought here by representatives of the Ministry of the Interior.

SLOVAKIA DETERMINED TO BECOME "JUDENREIN" THIS SUMMER, MINISTER ANNOUNCES

ZURICH, May 13. (JTA) -- The Slovakian Minister of Interior Sano Mach, in an announcement from Bratislava broadcast over the German radio, today stated that "by the end of September there will not be a single Jew left in Slovakia."

In his announcement, the Minister of the Nazi-puppet state declared that of the 90,000 Jews who were living in Slovakia before the present war 32,000 have already been "expatriated." The number of Jews expelled from the country will reach 45,000 by the end of May, he added. He did not reveal to where the Jews were being deported.

Vatican Reported to Have Intervened for Jews in Slovakia

ANKARA, May 15. (JTA) -- Advices reaching here today report that the Vatican has intervened with the Slovakian government for a more humane treatment of the Jews in Slovakia. Doubt is expressed, however, as to whether the reported intervention will bring any results, since only today Sano Mach, the Slovak Minister of Interior, announced in Bratislava that he is determined to "completely extinguish" the Jews of his country.

PELLEPOIX WILL CARRY OUT ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN UNDER DIRECTION OF HEYDRICH

LISBON, May 13. (JTA) -- The intensified campaign against French Jews, which was announced this week by the new Commissar for Jewish Affairs, Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, will be carried out by him under the direct supervision of Reinhard Heydrich, assistant chief of the Gestapo, who has been sent from Prague to Paris in an attempt to quoll the growing anti-Nazi activities in France, it was reported here today.

Other reports reaching here today confirm the creation of a special section of the French police which will deal only with Jews and which will be entrusted with carrying out all the various anti-Jewish regulations. They also will be responsible for selecting Jewish hostages when the Nazis decide to shoot more Frenchmen in reprised for attacks on members of the occupation forces.

"Horror and Indignation" Expressed at Mistreatment of Jews in France

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A letter expressing "the disgust, the horror and the indignation of all good Franchmen" at the anti-Jewish measures in France was addressed to the chief rabbi of France by Peul Claudel, Franch poet and former embassador to the United States, it was revealed here today by the Free Franch which made the text of the letter public guarenteeing its authenticity.

Dated from Chatesu de Brungues, Morestel, where Claudel lives, the letter, written on Dec. 24, 1941, at the height of the persecutions against Jews in the occupied zone, has been copied and circulated throughout France, the Free French office here reported. The letter reads:

"I wish to write to you so as to express the disgust, the horror and the indignation that all good Fronchmen and aspecially all Catholics feel toward the iniquities, the spoliations and the ill treatment of which our Jewish competriots are at present the victims. I have had many contacts with Jews of all countries and I have always found in them not only an open mind but a generous and kind heart. I am proud to count many friends among them. No Catholic can ever forget that Israel is the elder son of the promise as he is today the elder son of pain. But, 'blessed are those who suffer persecutions for the sake of justice.' May the Lord protect Israel on the path of redemption. 'I shall not always be angry,' said God through the voice of his prophet."

BARRING JEWS FROM RUMANIAN RENT MORATORIUM LAW MAKES THEM POPULAR WITH LANDLORDS

STOCKHOLM, May 15. (JTA) -- Jews in Rumenia have become the most-courted tenants in the country as a result of the recent rent noretorium decree, which allows all persons - except Jews - to inv-ke a writing period in paying rent on their homes or apartments, the Svenska Dagbledet reports today.

Bucharest newspapers, the Swedish correspondent writes, are filled with advertisements offering apartments for rent to Jews Actually, the Jewish tenants are suffering from the moratorium decree since the landlords have made it an occasion for reising rents in order to make up for losses suffered on Christian tenants who are protected by the law.

ENEMY ALIENS MAY BE MOVED FROM EAST COAST, HOUSE IS WARNED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, May 13. (JTA) -- A warning that "hundreds of thousands" of people falling into the category of enemy aliens might be moved from the East Coast in the same manner as Japanese were moved from the West Coast defense areas, was sounded today in the House of Representatives when the National Defense Migration Committee, headed by Representative Tolan of California, submitted its report to the House.

The committee reasserted its previous suggestion that hearing boards be set up to eliminate the wholesale evacuation of German and Italian aliens. It said that "the evacuation problem assumed nationwide proportion when Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commanding the First Army, announced on April 17 that 16 states along the Atlantic semboard were designated as a military area under authority conferred on him by the Secretary of War."

The committee asserted General Drum's order suggested the application of the evacuation orders to citizens as well as aliens. It advocated immediate establishment of hearing boards to "pass upon and certify loyalty of German and Italian aliens; protect real and personal property of the evacuees, and supervise their proper resettlement and preservation of their personal articles and household effects." The committee also renewed its recommendation, contained in a former report, that special consideration be given war refugees.

The report urged that applications and petitions for naturalization be expedited and that the Department of Justice review the situation regarding alien enemies waiting for their second papers.

JDC CONSIGNMENTS OF DRUGS AND CONCENTRATED FOOD PRODUCTS REACH RUSSIA

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The first four shipments of a total of \$50,000 worth of drugs, medical supplies, vitemins and concentrated food products sent by the Joint Distribution Committee to Polish refugees in Russia have arrived in Kuibyshev, it was learned today in a cable received by the Committee from Stanislaw Kot, Polish Ambassador to Russia.

"Permit me to thank you for your gifts which have arrived end been distributed right away to the most needy, who asked me to express to you their gratitude," the cable stated. Two of the shipments, containing vaccines, were flown to Russia. The other two were carried on Russian boats, freight-and-duty free. Additional consignments are being shipped by the JDC currently.

LIBRARY OF HEBRAICA AND JUDAICA PRESENTED TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A library of Hebraica and Judaica, valued at \$50,000 has been presented to New York University by Mitchell M. Kaplan of Newark, N.J., it was announced last night at the fifth anniversary dinner of the NYU Jewish Culture Foundation. A campaign is to be launched to raise funds to house the collection.

Among the manuscripts and rere books included in the collection is a prayer book, written on perchanet and illustrated in color 300 years ago in Poland; a 575 year old Sidur, with inscriptions of its former owners; a prayer book written and illustrated by Joseph Luria, father of the Kabbalists, and a 400 year old Hebrew lexicon, written by a Catholic priest, and considered to be the finest study of the Hebrew language and its roots in existence. There are only two copies of this volume left, the other one being in the British maseum.

Supreme Court Justice Meir Steinbrink, chairman of the Foundation's advisory committee, was awarded a gold key for his services to the organization at the dinner.