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NAZIS WARN JEWS IN POLISH GHETTOS TO BE PREPARED FOR ALLIED AIR ATTACKS

LONDON, May 15. (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in occupied Poland have ordered the Jews in the ghettos to prepare for possible Russian and British air attacks, according to information reaching Polish Government circles here today.

The reports state that the Jewish policemen in the Warsaw and other ghettos have been ordered to take special courses in air raid protection, in addition to their duties of regulating traffic within the ghetto and supervising sanitary conditions there.

Scarcity of food in Warsaw has resulted in a Nazi order forbidding Jews in the ghetto to buy fish, the report declares. The bread ration for Jews at the same time was reduced to two ounces a day per person. No extra allowance is granted for Jews doing manual labor. The increased food shortage has resulted in the price of a pound of bread on the "black market" rising to 14 zloty, nominally \$2.80, while a pound of butter cannot be secured there for less than 60 zloty, which is \$12 at the pre-war rate of exchange.

A list of foodstuffs, the sale of which is prohibited to Jews in the ghettos, has been published by the Nazi authorities in connection with banning the sale of fish. The list includes meat, poultry, butter, cream, certain kinds of cheese, sugar, cake, apples, pears, plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, raisins, sultanas, oranges, tangerines, fresh vegetables, new potatoes and salads.

Two-Thirds of Warsaw Jewish Budget Derived from Burial Tax

Acting upon instructions of the Nazi authorities, the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto announced a 25% increase in burial taxes. Last year two-thirds of the 17,000,000 zlotys, which constituted the year's budget of the Warsaw Jewish Community, came from burial taxes. The reason for the increase in this tax is the growing misery in the ghetto which the Jewish Council is not able to meet with its present budget.

Polish Government circles also received a report this week stating that the Nazi authorities in Eastern Poland have expelled all Jewish farmers from the village of Iwaniki, near Brest-Litovsk which was famous as a Jewish agricultural settlement established more than 100 years ago under the Czarist regime. The deported Jewish peasants were ordered to leave their cattle and agricultural machinery behind for use by German farmers who will be settled in the village.

The mounting scarcity in the Jewish ghettos in occupied Poland, according to the reports received by the Polish circles here, is explained by the fact that a large number of wounded German soldiers who are convalescing in Poland are consuming a large part of the food which was originally earmarked for distribution among the Jewish population.

JEWISH GENERALS AND SUBMARINE COMMANDERS WILL ADDRESS ANTI-NAZI MEETING IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, May 15. (JTA)-- Jewish generals of the Soviet Army and Jewish captains of Soviet submarines will be among the principal speakers to address the largest Jewish anti-Fascist demonstration ever held here, which will take place on May 24 in the House of the Federation of Labor Unions which is one of the largest in Moscow, it was announced here today.

The demonstration is being arranged by the Jewish Committee To Fight Fascism which was formed soon after the Nazi declaration of war against Soviet Russia. Jewish scientists, writers, artists and other intellectuals are members of this committee. The speeches delivered at the meeting, in which Jewish delegates from all over the country will participate, will be broadcast by shortwave to all parts of the world, including the United States.

The Committee today announced the publication of a new magazine in Jewish under the title "Einigkeit" ("Unity"). The purpose of the new publication will be "to help in the struggle of the Jews in the Soviet Union and abroad against Hitlerism." The first issue will appear on the date of the Moscow meeting.

YUGOSLAV JEWS ESCAPE TO ITALY TO SEEK REFUGE FROM NAZIS

LISBON, May 15. (JTA)-- Jews from Axis-occupied Yugoslavia are slipping into Italy where the local population, contrary to the official anti-Semitic policy of the Mussolini regime and in demonstration against Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda, is displaying marked sympathy with the Jews, it was reported today by a neutral diplomat arriving here from Rome. ✓

Declaring that "not less than several thousand Yugoslav Jews have crossed the border into Italy during the last year, escaping from Nazi brutalities," the diplomat said that many of them reached Italy with the help of Italian soldiers who openly expressed their disapproval of the inhuman treatment of Jews in occupied Yugoslavia. Those of the Yugoslav Jews who were qualified artisans were permitted to work in Italy in shops, while those who could not prove that they were able to make a living by working in factories have been interned in camps.

"The majority of the people in Italy still can not comprehend Mussolini's anti-Semitic policy. They consider it nothing but another concession of Mussolini to Hitler and express their disapproval of it whenever they have a chance to do so," the diplomat stated.

PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES GRANTED TO 200 CHILDREN FROM HUNGARY, ROMANIA

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA)-- The Palestine government has granted 100 immigration certificates to Jewish children from Hungary and 100 to Jewish youths from Rumania, Elisha Golomb, Histadruth leader, announced at a press conference here today.

Queried on the possibility of securing certificates for Jewish children in Greece, Golomb replied that the difficulties involved in getting young Jews out of Greece were "enormous" but that a special committee now meeting "somewhere in the Middle East" is considering the problem.

GESTAPO CHIEF HEYDRICH CONFERS WITH FRENCH COMMISSAR FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS

BERNE, May 15. (JTA)-- Reinhard Heydrich, deputy chief of the Gestapo, who was sent from Prague to Paris to introduce new methods of crushing growing anti-Nazi resistance there, conferred with Commissar for Jewish Affairs Darquier de Pellepoix before leaving for Holland, according to reports reaching here today.

An indication of Heydrich's "new methods" was contained in a broadcast on the Berlin radio which reported that a fifteen-year-old Jewish boy named Kirschen has been sentenced by the Paris military court to ten years' imprisonment for alleged anti-German activities in France.

Another Berlin broadcast heard here today reported that a court in the German capital has ruled that Jews can not be sentenced to loss of civil rights "because Jews do not have any civil rights."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS SESSION IN CHICAGO DISCUSSES POST-WAR PROBLEMS

CHICAGO, May 15. (JTA)-- American Jewish contributions to the war effort of the United States and the methods by which the claims of Jews may be presented at a post-war Peace Conference following a defeat of the Axis powers, will be the principal subjects of discussion at a three-day session of the American Jewish Congress opening here tomorrow.

The session was preceded today by a meeting of the national administrative committee of the Congress. Approximately 500 delegates from all parts of the country are expected to attend the sessions which will be opened by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, the Congress' president.

Among the subjects which the conclave will discuss are: Economic Discrimination; Law and Legislation; the strengthening of Democracy against un-American movements; post-war reconstruction; Inter-American Jewish unity; the organization of the American-Jewish community; Youth Activities, and American-Jewish war effort. Sir Norman Angell, Nobel prize winner, Dr. Malcolm MacLean, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, Jonathan Daniels, Assistant Director in charge of Civilian Mobilization, are among the distinguished non-Jewish personalities who will participate in the deliberations. The delegates will be welcomed to Chicago by Mayor Kelly and by Lieutenant-Governor Cross of Illinois.

JEWISH REFUGEES DEPORTED TO MAURITIUS JOIN CZECHOSLOVAK LEGION

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA)-- A group of 76 Jewish refugees who were deported from Palestine to the British island of Mauritius as "illegal immigrants" have joined the Czechoslovak Legion and are now fighting "somewhere in the Middle East," the Hebrew newspapers here reported today. The refugees were all passengers on the steamer "Patria" which exploded in Haifa harbor in November, 1940.

"AIRGRAPH AIRMAIL" SERVICE SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ENGLAND AND PALESTINE

LONDON, May 15. (JTA)-- A civilian "airgraph-airmail" service will soon be established between England and Palestine, it was reported here today. A similar service already exists for members of the armed forces.

Under the "airgraph-airmail" system, cards and letters are photographed and consequently greatly reduced in size and weight, thus permitting many more letters to be carried by each plane. When the letters reach their destination the films are enlarged and the recipient gets a normal-size communication.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THANKS JEWISH DELEGATION FOR HONORING HIS MOTHER

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA)-- Appreciation for the tribute paid to the memory of his mother, was expressed here yesterday by President Roosevelt, receiving a delegation of the Jewish section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies, which has established "somewhere in England" a Sara Delano Roosevelt Children's Nursing Home for air raid victims.

The delegation, led by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish section, presented the President with a scroll in which the memory of Sara Delano Roosevelt is cited as "a shining inspiration to American women for generations to come." Scores of Jewish organizations and hundreds of individuals who cooperate with the Jewish section are signatories to the scroll.

ROTHSCHILDS DONATE THEIR LONDON HOUSE FOR USE AS UNITED NATIONS' CLUB

LONDON, May 15. (JTA)-- The Rothschild House in the Picadilly section of London, residence of the Rothschild family, within the next fortnight will become a club for members of the United Nations, where British and American service men and women will be able to spend their hours of leisure, it was announced here today.

The Rothschild family has donated the house in order to give Americans and other members of the United Nations an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of club life in England. The house was a center of English society. The first ball attended by Edward VII after his accession was given there.

JEWISH EDUCATION PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE, May 15. (JTA)-- Problems facing Jewish educational institutions and their integration in the war effort will be discussed at the third annual conference of the American Association of Jewish Education, the national organization of lay leaders in the field, which opens here tomorrow night.

The conference, which will conclude on Sunday, will hear papers and addresses by leaders in Jewish education from all parts of the country. Representatives of 25 key communities will report on local Jewish educational achievements. Prof. William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University will be among the principal speakers.

\$56,000 FEDERAL GRANT MADE TO B'NAI B'RITH'S LEO N. LEVI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 15. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt has approved a grant of \$56,000 to the B'nai B'rith Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital here, to enable it to enlarge its existing hospital facilities and thus furnish more effective service to the Hot Springs defense area, according to an announcement by Judge A. B. Frey, president of the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital Association.

Founded in 1914 by B'nai B'rith as a memorial to Leo N. Levi, one of its national presidents, the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital is a national, free, non-sectarian hospital and clinic for the treatment of rheumatic and arthritic diseases which are benefitted by the therapeutic qualities of the waters of Hot Springs.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR PROF. STRAUSS HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA)--A meeting commemorating Prof. Hermann Strauss, who recently committed suicide in Berlin, was held here at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, under the joint auspices of the American Committee of OSE and the Physicians' Group of the New World Club.