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PERSIA GIVES TEMPORARY SHELTER TO POLISH JEWS EN ROUTE FROM RUSSIA TO PALESTINE

TEHERAN, Iran, May 19. (JTA)-- Many Polish Jews who are now en route from Palestine have found temporary shelter in camps erected twenty miles from Teheran, in the suburb of Manzariah, one of the most picturesque corners of Iran.

Living in tents pitched around a magnificent lake with fresh water from the mountains and in beautiful surroundings, they will remain here until their Palestine immigration certificates reach Teheran, enabling the British consulate to issue Palestine visas to them. A representative of the Jewish Agency who recently arrived from Jerusalem is supervising the visa arrangements. The visas are to be granted from the immigration quota received from the Palestine government under the last labor schedule, part of which was assigned for Jews from Poland stranded in Russia.

Among the Jewish refugees are many whose wives or husbands reached Palestine from Rumania two years ago when families were broken up in the early months of the war and when some persons succeeded in reaching Palestine through the Balkan countries. Some of the Jewish refugees have members of their families in the United States, who emigrated through Lithuania, Russia and Japan prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

MASS-ARRESTS OF JEWS IN BULGARIA; 4,000 MORE JEWS TO BE RECRUITED FOR FORCED LABOR

ANKARA, May 19. (JTA)-- Mass-arrests of Jews in Bulgaria were reported today over the Sofia radio which also announced that 4,000 more Bulgarian Jews will be recruited for forced labor in addition to the several thousand who have already been set to building a railway.

Jews were arrested, the announcer explained, because "many Jews were loafing around provocatively outside their houses after curfew hours." A large number of Jews were arrested at the Sofia railway station when they attempted to leave the Bulgarian capital "in an effort to escape forced labor," the announcer admitted.

A decree prohibiting Jews in Bulgaria from trading in meat and cattle was also broadcast today over the Sofia radio. The measure affects several hundred Jewish families.

HUNGARIANS ARRESTED FOR HELPING JEWS ESCAPE FROM REICH INTO HUNGARY

ZURICH, May 19. (JTA)-- The Budapest radio today announced that the Hungarian authorities have uncovered an organization which was allegedly engaged in helping Jews to escape from the Reich into Hungary. "Many members of this organization have been arrested," the broadcast stated.

Most of the Jews are reported to have crossed into Hungary at the Austrian border. Jews in Vienna, frightened by a recent announcement by the local Nazi commissioner that they will soon be deported to occupied Poland, are making desperate efforts to enter Hungary in order to escape deportation, the Budapest ai-

NAZIS IN HUNGARY DEMAND CONFISCATION OF JEWISH CAPITAL THROUGH FREEZING ACCOUNTS

LISBON, May 19. (JTA)-- Nazi officers of the German Ministry of Economics who are now stationed in Budapest under the economic agreement concluded between Hungary and Germany are pressing the Hungarian authorities to confiscate all Jewish funds in the country by blocking Jewish accounts, it was reported here today following a demand to this effect voiced last week in the Hungarian parliament by the anti-Semitic deputy Reiniss.

Obviously acting under Nazi influence, Reiniss demanded the issuance of a law which would provide that all payments to Jews in Hungary be made through blocked accounts exclusively. This, the anti-Semitic deputy said, would help Hungary to solve its "Jewish problem."

Premier Nicholas von Kallay, in opposing the demand, declared that "the Jewish problem in Hungary consists of many complex questions" which cannot be solved in such a simple way as suggested by the anti-Semitic deputy. "I prefer to treat the Jewish question along broader lines," he is reported here to have told Parliament during the discussion.

The opposition of the Hungarian premier to the proposed new anti-Jewish measure is explained by the fact that he fears that the Jewish capital will fall under German control rather than under the control of Hungary. At present most of the banks in Hungary are already under control of German officers to the great dissatisfaction of the Hungarian authorities. Under the pretext of carrying out the Hungarian-German economic agreement, the Nazis have sent into Hungary about 800 German officers who are now occupying practically all leading positions in Hungarian financial, industrial and railroad enterprises. These men are really the masters of Hungary, forcing their orders upon Hungarian officials in the various government departments.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN HOLLAND ISSUE PASTORAL LETTER CONDEMNING NAZI TREATMENT OF JEWS

LONDON, May 19. (JTA)-- Dutch newspapers reaching here today from Amsterdam through neutral countries reveal that the Catholic bishops in the Netherlands issued a new pastoral letter condemning "the unmerciful and unjust treatment meted out against Jews by those in power in our country."

The pastoral letter, according to the Dutch newspapers which are under Nazi control, was read in all churches in Holland on April 19. Its publication in the press was forbidden.

PELLEPOIX ACTED AS NAZI AGENT AMONG FRENCH WAR PRISONERS, OFFICER REVEALS

LONDON, May 19. (JTA)-- New severe measures against the Jews in France are now under discussion between the Nazi occupational authorities in Paris and the new French Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, Darquier de Pellepoix, according to reliable information reaching Free French circles here today.

In a broadcast last night from London to the people of France, a French officer, who was interned in Germany in the same war prisoners' camp with Pellepoix, stated that Pellepoix was the first prisoner to be released from the camp since he was identified by the Germans as a German agent, who prior to the outbreak of the war received funds from Germany to conduct anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi propaganda in France. While a war prisoner, Pellepoix continued to preach anti-Jewish propaganda among the French officers in the camp, but cowardly withdrew his anti-Semitic charges when a Jewish captain who was decorated for bravery slapped his face, the French officer related in his broadcast.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS MAPS OUT PLANS FOR \$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, May 19. (JTA)-- Detailed plans for the \$1,000,000 campaign, decided upon last night by the concluding session of the war emergency conference of the American Jewish Congress, were being mapped out here today by the governing council of the Congress. Half of the fund will be used to implement the various activities involved in the defense of Jewish rights and the post-war reconstruction of Jewish life, while the other half will be assigned to the normal functions of the Congress.

A demand that the "international status of the Jewish people, established in the Covenant of Versailles, be recognized by the United Nations and that in the discussion preliminary to peace, the Jewish people be given an opportunity to participate through their accredited representatives in all matters affecting Jewish interests," was voiced in one of the resolutions adopted last night. Coupled with this resolution was another urging that in the discussions at the peace conference equal political, economic, cultural and religious rights of Jews be accepted as a preliminary to consideration of the Jewish status in the new world.

On the question of Palestine, the delegates approved resolutions demanding the creation of a Jewish commonwealth there after the war and the immediate creation of a Jewish military force to fight under its own flag and under the command of the United Nations. Dr. Stephen S. Wise was re-elected president of the congress.

"JEWISH FIGHTING FORCE COMMITTEE" ESTABLISHED IN LONDON

LONDON, May 19. (JTA)-- A "Jewish Fighting Force Committee" to further, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, the cause of a Jewish fighting force in Palestine as well as the home defense of the country, was organized here today under the joint chairmanship of Capt. Victor Cazalet and Lord Wedgwood. A number of members of both houses of the Parliament joined the committee.

The attitude of the British Labor Party towards the present policy of the Palestine Government is outlined in a report prepared for the 41st annual conference of the party and made public by its national executive committee today.

The conference, which opens in London on May 25, will learn from the report that the Laborite members of the British Parliament consider the Palestine administration biased against the admission of Jewish refugees who escape from Nazi oppression in Europe. The adoption by the Government of a more sympathetic policy towards Jewish immigration into Palestine is urged in the report.

A conference of women workers, which concluded here today, voiced a request that the British Government permit the entrance into Palestine of 68 Jews from Nazi-held countries now stranded in Turkey. The victims are in danger of being sent back to their native lands should they be denied sanctuary in Palestine.

AMERICAN-JEWISH SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA WILL RECEIVE LEAVES FOR SHEVOOTH

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 19. (JTA)-- All Jewish soldiers serving in the American and Australian armies will receive leaves this Thursday and Friday to attend Shevouth services. Orders to this effect have been issued by Major General Julian F. Barnes of the United States Army.

HADASSAH ESTABLISHES DRUG LABORATORY AND INSTITUTE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA)-- Acting to supplement shrinking drug supplies which threaten to create shortages and health hazards in Palestine, the Hadassah today announced the establishment of a pharmacological institute for clinical research, and a pharmaceuticals laboratory for the extraction of vitamins, hormones and allied substances in Jerusalem.

Scientists associated with the Hebrew University and the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital, both of which are situated on Mt. Scopus outside of Jerusalem, will be jointly responsible for the new projects. Dr. A. Geiger, now head of the laboratory of general physiology of the Hebrew University, will have charge of the pharmaceuticals program. The institute has been named the Hadassah-University Pharmacological Institute.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD FORMS WOMEN'S DIVISION FOR USO ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA)-- Formation of a Women's Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board to assist in the Board's USO operations and civilian defense and related activities, was announced here today by Frank L. Weil, president of the Board. Mrs. Alfred R. Bachrach, New York City, is chairman of the new division.

To assure the greatest possible degree of cooperation from American women of Jewish faith, the Women's Division has mailed thousands of "aptitude questionnaires" to Jewish Community Centers and women's societies throughout the nation. Answers to the questionnaires will be indexed to form a ready reference of talents and abilities available for specific tasks in all sections of the country.

National organizations already represented in the new division are the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress, and the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. The 328 Jewish Community Centers and YMHA's in the United States affiliated with the Board will also cooperate in the program.

ALBERT NUSSBAUM, FORMER PRESIDENT OF LUXEMBURG JEWISH COMMUNITY, REACHES NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA)-- Albert Nussbaum, former president of the Luxemburg Jewish Community and director of the Transmigration Bureau of the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon for the last year and a half, has arrived in New York.

Although himself a refugee, Nussbaum remained in Portugal where he also served as director of the local Jewish relief committee and as the Luxemburg Government's commissioner for emigration until the Portuguese Government refused to recognize his passport. He left Luxemburg in October, 1940.

AMERICAN JEWS NOT YET PREPARED FOR POST-WAR LEADERSHIP, DR. SACHAR BELIEVES

ATLANTIC CITY, May 19. (JTA)-- The prediction that there would be no organized Jewish leadership in Europe after the war, was made here last night by Dr. A. L. Sachar, national director of the Hillel Foundation, addressing the closing session of the three-day War Service Convention of district three of the B'nai B'rith attended by 700 delegates representing 20,000 members in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia.

The Jews of America, Dr. Sachar said, were not yet prepared to take over leadership because in the past they had depended on European immigrants to furnish leadership in culture and religion. He added that B'nai B'rith was preparing for leadership; however, through its seventy-two college student foundations, which have attracted 75,000 members.