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JEWS IN HOLLAND ORDERED TO SURRENDER JEWELRY, GOLD, SILVER TO THE NAZIS

BERNE, May 28. (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in occupied Holland today issued an order instructing Jews to immediately surrender all articles of gold and silver in their possession as well as all precious and semi-precious stones.

The order forbids Jews to retain even personal objects such as wedding rings, watches, silverware. It also stipulates that Jews are no longer permitted to own horses or any kind of vehicle.

The Rome radio today announced that in addition to the above order, Jews in Holland will not be permitted to have more than 250 florins (nominally \$130) a month at their disposal. All their accounts in banks will be frozen so as not to permit withdrawals above the 250-florin limit.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT READY TO ACCEPT PROPOSED JEWISH AID FROM PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA)-- The Soviet Government is ready to accept medical and other aid offered by the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine, it was learned here today. The offer was made some time ago, and it is understood that the Histadruth has now received a favorable reply from Moscow.

At a session of the Histadruth Council today a declaration was adopted stating that the Jews of the world "will stand together with the Jews of Russia until the day of victory." The declaration was cabled to Moscow in reply to the appeal issued from there by the Jewish Conference to Fight Fascism held on Sunday.

Praise for the Jewish groups in America who replied to the appeal of the Moscow Jewish Conference is voiced here today in the Davar, official organ of the Histadruth. An editorial in this paper regrets that the Yishuv has no facilities to broadcast its message of encouragement to the Moscow conference, but it assures that "the Jews in Palestine are wholeheartedly with the Jews of Russia." The article calls for "close cooperation between the Jews of the world and Soviet Jewry."

The Palestine League for Soviet Russia cabled a message to the Moscow Jewish Conference, sending its greetings to "the brave Red Army, the unknown heroes and the guerrilla fighters." The message was signed by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Prof. Martin Buber and others.

The crew of a Soviet military plane which landed today in Palestine en route from the Caucasus to Egypt visited Jewish institutions in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and was officially welcomed by Mayor Rokeach in the Tel Aviv city hall.

An association of Lithuanian Jews to organize aid for the Jewish population in Nazi-occupied Lithuania was formed here today, sponsored by Consul Volkuskas of Lithuania. The association intends to establish connections with the organizations of Lithuanian Jews in America, South Africa and England.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OBJECTS TO WHOLESALE EVACUATION OF ALIENS FROM EASTERN COAST

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA)-- The Tolan Committee on National Defense Migration, it was learned authoritatively today, has asked the War and Justice Departments for an official explanation of the recent statement by Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum that he had authority to use "selective processes" in evacuating enemy aliens from declared military zones along the eastern seaboard.

At the same time, a committee spokesman said that that body was strenuously opposed to any indiscriminate, wholesale movement of German and Italian nationals from the coast to interior areas under present conditions. Although, he added, such a step might be justified in the event of an invasion or even enemy raids on the Atlantic seaboard, it did not seem necessary at this time.

Rep. John H. Tolan, committee chairman, it was predicted, may soon make an official statement on the matter. Meanwhile, Tolan is awaiting replies to his inquiry from Secretary of War Stimson and Attorney General Biddle. Thus far his inquiries have merely been acknowledged - not answered.

Gen. Drum, chief officer of the Eastern Defense Command of the 1st Army, made his statement on April 27. He then proposed the establishment of a special military area including six Atlantic coast states. The committee, which recently submitted a report to the House urging a careful and discriminate policy of dealing with enemy nationals in the United States, was charged with the formulation of war-time measures for the treatment of these groups. Recently a representative of the committee has been holding conferences with social organizations in New York, including officials of the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, with particular reference to the problem of enemy aliens in the East. Results of these conferences, it was said, will probably be announced shortly.

A committee spokesman said today that while the War Department had indicated it planned no immediate wholesale evacuation in the East, it had made no binding commitment. "We do not believe," the spokesman said, "that the purposes of national defense will be served by a wholesale evacuation, unless there is real danger of an invasion or raids along the coast." The committee, he added, believes that the problem is being competently handled by the F.B.I. and Army and Navy Intelligence who are arresting aliens known to be disloyal or dangerous and that more direct and drastic action by the military authorities is not needed.

The spokesman added that the U.S. Immigration Service, in investigating enemy aliens who wish to become citizens, has found about ninety-four percent of them unquestionably loyal to the American Government.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PALESTINE JEWISH LEGION TO BE CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA)-- The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the establishment during the last war of the Palestine Jewish Legion is to be commemorated at a public meeting which is to take place in Town Hall, New York, on Thursday, June 4, under the auspices of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs and the American Palestine Jewish Legion.

Among the speakers will be David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Pierre van Paassen, Frank Gannett, editor of the Gannett newspapers, and Major Redgrave on behalf of the British War Veterans. The Legion was recruited primarily from Jews of America, and comprised the 38th, 39th and 40th Battalions of the British Royal Fusiliers, later officially designated the Judeans. It was the first specifically Jewish force to be organized since the days of ancient Rome.

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW COLLECTS EVIDENCE OF NAZI MASS-MURDER OF JEWS

MOSCOW, May 28. (JTA)-- The Jewish Committee to Fight Fascism today started the collection of documents depicting the extent of Nazi massacres of Jews in Eastern Europe and the atrocities committed against the Jewish population there.

Authentic reports which reached the Committee from the cities of Vladimir-Volynsk, Brest-Litovsk and Pinsk show that no less than 25,000 Jews were executed by the Nazis in these three cities alone. Of these 10,000 were massacred in Vladimir-Volynsk.

"The collective graves for the Jews killed in Vladimir-Volynsk are several kilometres long," one of the reports state. "The Nazis executed the Jews in that city over a period of one week. During that week the city was surrounded by Nazi military units in order to prevent the escape of any Jews. Many Jews committed suicide in order to escape the Nazi torture to which other members of their families had been subjected.

The report from Pinsk states that approximately 8,000 Jews were massacred by the Nazis there. The victims, consisting of people between 16 and 60 years of age, including women, were executed in two groups. The first group of 5,000 was massacred by German soldiers with machine guns on the outskirts of the city before noon one day. The soldiers then interrupted the executions in order to have lunch; and resumed them immediately after the lunch hour was over, killing a second group of 5,000 Jews. The execution of more than 6,000 Jews in Brest-Litovsk took place under similar circumstances. The peasants of the neighboring villages were then ordered to throw the bodies into collective graves which the victims were forced to dig just prior to their execution.

COMPULSORY RECRUITMENT OF JEWS IN PALESTINE CONTEMPLATED

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA)-- Leading Jewish institutions in Palestine are now planning to introduce compulsory recruitment of Jews between the ages of 17 to 45, it was revealed here today by H. Frumkin, leader of the Histadruth, addressing the 46th meeting of the Histadruth Council.

Estimating that twenty-five percent of the Histadruth members of military age have already enlisted either in the armed forces or in the civilian defense organisations, Mr. Frumkin stated these include 5,200 from the Jewish agricultural settlements alone, in addition to city residents.

QUESTION OF TRANSFERRING PALESTINE MANDATE TO U.S. WILL BE RAISED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, May 28. (JTA)-- Zionist circles today considered it "ill-advised" to express any opinion on Lord Wedgwood's suggestion that Britain transfer the mandate over Palestine to the United States. They pointed out that this suggestion was far-reaching in its implications.

Lord Wedgwood, on the other hand, announced today that he intends to raise the question soon in the House of Lords. He claimed that "a considerable number of people in England" think that the Palestine mandate should be handed over to America. "It is desirable that the question of America taking over the Palestine mandate should be raised at this time, when the matter of defending Palestine against the Germans is of vital importance," he said.

The 41st annual conference of the British Labor party, which is now in session here, today unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that "international assistance be given to promote, by immigration and settlement, a Jewish National Home in Palestine after the war."

FIRST ORT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR REFUGEES IN CANADA OPENS TODAY

MONTREAL, May 28. (JTA)-- With elaborate official ceremonies and in the presence of prominent Canadian Government representatives, as well as numerous delegations of Jewish organizations in Canada and the United States, the first ORT training school for Jewish refugees in Canada will open tomorrow. Situated in a camp for European refugees on Ile aux Noix, an island on Lake Richelieu, 47 miles from Montreal, the school, which was constructed by ORT in close cooperation with the Canadian Government, will enable many of the more than one thousand refugees to learn trades, machine shop operation and all types of metal work, and production of various parts needed for airplanes and other implements of war.

Near the school, which is a one-story structure of 4,800 square feet, a farm of some 70 acres for poultry and cattle-raising will be established. Thus in addition to the industrial training which the ORT trade school will give to many of the refugees, others will receive agricultural training on the farm.

Canadian Commissioner of Refugee Camps, Colonel R.S.U. Fordham, who gave every assistance in the realization of the ORT project, has expressed praise in a letter sent to Canadian ORT, saying that this is "one of the most useful and constructive pieces of work that could possibly have been devised in connection with the refugee camps."

IMMEDIATE CITIZENSHIP PROMISED TO ALIENS IN ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA)-- Aliens serving in the armed forces of the United States will be granted American citizenship immediately, provided their commanding officers support their applications for naturalization, it was stated here today.

Under the existing laws, citizenship may be conferred upon any soldier who entered the country legally and who has served at least three months in the Army since September 1, 1939. The three-month rule, however, may be waived, it was stated, and the Army will try to facilitate by every means the speedy naturalization of non-citizen soldiers.

SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED TO 4,700 YMHA BOYS FROM NEW YORK IN MILITARY SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA)-- A service flag honoring the 4,700 members of the Jewish Centers and YMHA's from New York City who are now serving in the armed forces of the United States was dedicated last night at the USO club operated by the Jewish Welfare Board at Temple Emanu-El here. Seventy-nine Jewish centers and YMHA's affiliated with the metropolitan section of the JWB participated in the ceremonies.

Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, participating in the dedication ceremonies, declared that the charge that Jews were shirking their duty in the military services was part of the Hitlerian technique of "divide and conquer." The flag was presented by Mrs. Ely Jacques Kahn, director of the USO club, to Stephen Stroock, president of the metropolitan section of the JWB. Ralph Samuels, chairman of the Board's Greater New York Army and Navy Committee, presided.

CUBAN JEWS COMPLAIN NEW YORK YIDDISH PRESS NO LONGER REACHES THEM

HAVANA, Cuba, May 28. (JTA)-- It is exactly a month today since the New York Yiddish newspapers, which had a total daily circulation here of 1,500 copies, stopped arriving, apparently for reasons of censorship.

Jewish readers here today sent inquiries to the New York offices of the Yiddish newspapers asking for an investigation of why Jewish newspapers no longer reach here at a time when other American newspapers continue to arrive regularly.