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NAZI CRIMES AGAINST JEWS WILL BE AVENGED BY ALL NATIONS, SIKORSKI ANNOUNCES

LONDON, May 29. (JTA)-- The Polish Premier, Gen. Sikorski, in his capacity as president of the conference of Allied Governments which pledged itself to post-war vengeance against Nazis guilty of terrorizing the population in occupied countries, today issued a statement declaring that all Allied governments deplore the Nazi crimes against the Jews and will hold the perpetrators responsible for them.

The statement was addressed to the British section of the World Jewish Congress and was in reply to an appeal sent by the Congress to each of the Allied governments urging that they include specific reference to crimes committed by the Nazis against Jews, in the declaration of post-war punishment which they issued.

"Such specific reference," the Congress argued, "is justified by the fact that the Jews in the occupied countries are subjected to particular tortures and humiliations. In addition, the Nazis have isolated the Jews in ghettos, have given them smaller food rations, and are treating them much worse than the oppressed non-Jewish population."

In his statement today, Gen. Sikorski points out that the request cannot be complied with despite the fact that all governments are unanimous in deploring the Nazi atrocities against the Jews. "We condemn the anti-Jewish crimes just as we condemn the Nazi crimes against the other sections of the populations in the occupied countries," Sikorski stated. "As signatories, however, we believe that the character of race and religion of the victim ought not to constitute an element susceptible of modifying the criminal nature of the act of cruelty. There is no reason to specifically recall the sufferings endured by Jews, especially since such reference might be the equivalent of implicit recognition of racial theories which we all reject."

JEWISH MASS GRAVES IN WARSAW GHETTO DESCRIBED BY GERMAN PAPER

ZURICH, May 29. (JTA)-- Collective graves for Jews are the latest Nazi innovation in the ghetto in Warsaw, according to a report published in the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, one of the leading newspapers in Germany, reaching here today.

Stating that the mass graves are intended for Jews whose families cannot provide for their funeral, the Nazi newspaper describes them as follows: "The mass grave is a trench thirty meters long and twenty meters wide filled with naked corpses of men, women and children. The Jewish grave-diggers are continually working at great speed as the death rate in the ghetto, with 600,000 inhabitants is enormous. The corpses are buried by covering them with only a few shovels full of earth; consequently sometimes heads, feet or hands are seen protruding above the earth."

FIRST AUTHENTIC REPORT ON SITUATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES UNDER JAPAN REACHES EUROPE

LISBON, May 29. (JTA)-- The first authentic report since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor depicting the situation of the more than 20,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai under Japanese control reached the Hias-Ica office here today.

The report states that the number of Jewish refugees in Shanghai who depend on relief has grown from 7,000 before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor to 14,000 at present. This, the report explains, is due to the fact that a third of the Jewish refugees in the city lost their livelihood after Japan's entry into war against the United States.

Efforts are now being made to secure the permission of the Japanese authorities for the emigration of more than 200 Polish Jews from Shanghai to Palestine through Soviet Russia, Iran and Iraq. These Jewish refugees from Poland were already in possession of Palestine immigration certificates and were ready to leave Shanghai shortly before Japan went to war against England and the United States. The Soviet Government in Kuibyshev has been contacted in order to secure the passage of the refugees from Poland through Soviet territory as soon as the Japanese authorities permit them to leave Shanghai.

Jewish Relief Organizations Operating Under Strict Japanese Control

Jewish relief organizations in Shanghai operate under strict supervision of the Japanese authorities. They are faced with the serious problem of finding funds to feed the thousands of refugees and fear an eventual catastrophe since their sources of relief are drying up. Efforts are being made by the organizations to send small groups of refugees from Shanghai to other cities in occupied China, especially to Tientsin. An appeal has also been made to the Japanese authorities to permit some of the Jewish refugees to move to Manchukuo.

With the aid of the International Red Cross, the Jewish relief committee in Shanghai is trying to reestablish communications between the refugees and members of their families who were left behind in the Reich and in Poland. The funds of the Jewish relief organizations have been frozen by the Japanese authorities, but it is hoped that the authorities will permit them to be used for transportation costs of refugees who may be allowed to emigrate either into other sections of occupied China, or to Soviet Russia en route to Palestine. The large majority of the refugees, however, are doomed to starvation unless the local relief committee secures sufficient funds locally to maintain the kitchens where they are being fed, the report emphasizes.

PALESTINE CELEBRATES "SOLDIER'S DAY"; SANCTIONS AGAINST "SLACKERS" ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, May 29. (JTA)-- Sanctions against Jewish workers found guilty of "slacking" in the Palestine war effort will be introduced by the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine, it was announced today by H. Frumkin, a leader of the group, addressing the Council of the Histadruth now meeting in the colony of Petach-Tikvah.

The announcement was made while planes were circling above Jerusalem and British military units and contingents of the Allied armies serving in the Middle East paraded through the main streets of Jerusalem, celebrating "Soldier's Day." The Jewish Blue-White flag and the colors of the United Nations flew from the windows of many houses while the marching troops were cheered by large crowds assembled in the streets.

JEWISH COLONY NEAR KUIBYSHEV WELCOMES EVACUATED SETTLERS FROM CRIMEA

KUIBYSHEV, May 29. (JTA)-- Fifty Jewish families evacuated from the Crimea and Bessarabia were added today to the Jewish agricultural settlement "Naj Leben" (New Life) which occupies 450 hectares of land near Kuibyshev.

"We are only too happy to give shelter in our collective settlement to more Jewish land workers," David Schupak, a former Yeshivah student in Wolkowysk during the Czarist regime who is chairman of the settlement, declared in welcoming the new-comers.

The colony Naj Leben has about 150 members in its collective. It maintains a milk farm, produces honey and engages in sheep breeding, in addition to farming. It has its own power plant equipped with six generators. It has established friendly relations with the non-Jewish colonies in the neighborhood. "Our work has aroused great respect for Jewish workers among the peasants here who never saw a Jew work the land," Schupak told this correspondent who visited the colony today to witness the arrival of the evacuated Jewish families.

PALESTINE JEWISH LABORERS SEND STERILIZING APPARATUS TO RED ARMY

LONDON, May 29. (JTA)-- Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky, through whom the Histadruth has been conducting negotiations in connection with sending medical aid from Palestine to Soviet Russia, today informed the representatives of the Histadruth that the Russian authorities would be glad to accept the sterilizing apparatus which the Jewish workers in Palestine have purchased as a gift for the wounded Russian soldiers from funds collected last year among Histadruth members.

Reports received here from Palestine state that Soviet sailors are now permitted to go ashore when Russian steamers touch Palestine ports. The Jewish Agency is taking advantage of their short visits to acquaint them with Jewish achievements in Palestine. The Jews as well as the Russians among the sailors are greatly impressed with life in the Jewish colonies through which they are guided by representatives of the Jewish Agency. Few of them ever heard of Palestine as a Jewish land and they are, therefore, collecting Jewish-made souvenirs as gifts for their Jewish friends in Russia. Hitherto, no member of a Soviet crew, not even the captain, was permitted to leave his vessel when it reached a Palestine port.

NEW "PROTECTOR" FOR BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA WAS GESTAPO AGENT AT BERNE "PROTOCOLS" TRIAL

BERNE, May 29. (JTA)-- Jews in the Czech Protectorate will face increased restrictions and terror as a result of the appointment of Kurt Daluge, a fanatical Jew-hater, as "Protector" of Bohemia and Moravia, replacing Reinhard Heydrich, who is hovering between life and death in Prague as a result of an attempt to assassinate him, well-informed circles here declared today.

Daluge is remembered in Berne from his activities in October, 1934 when he was sent here by the Gestapo in an attempt to influence the Swiss court that was trying a group of Swiss Nazis being sued for libel by the Berne Jewish Community for issuing and distributing the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." He helped to marshal the testimony of the defendants and organized espionage against witnesses for the prosecution.

He is one of the early members of the Nazi party and was the head of the underground Nazi group in the Prussian Ministry of the Interior before the Nazis came to power. In 1935 he was appointed by Hitler as Chief Group Leader of the Nazi Elite Guard and in 1936 he was promoted to the post of Chief and General of the German Police Service, intensifying the anti-Jewish police activity in Berlin.

MEMORIAL DAY APPEAL TO JEWISH WAR VETERANS CALLS FOR ALL-OUT AID FOR SPEEDY VICTORY

NEW YORK, May 29. (JTA)-- The Jewish War Veterans of the United States were called upon today in a Memorial Day message by their national commander, Benjamin Kaufman, to concentrate all their efforts towards speedy victory.

"The program for winning a total war is one which calls for the voluntary participation of all the people," the message said. "This means that we pledge ourselves not to cheat on gasoline rationing, nor to hoard sugar, to voluntarily convert at least 10% of our income into War Bonds. It means that we will walk in order to save rubber and that we will save tin cans and paper in order to help out our dwindling stock of supplies.

"These are the things which we must pledge our honored dead. By conforming to this pledge we will honor them more than by uttering statements of pride in their accomplishments. Let us honor them by living in such a way as to prove that we have learned why they died. We pledge ourselves to make their memory more effective by making their sacrifice the last of such sacrifices.

On Memorial Day, we honor the heroes who fought so bravely at Valley Forge, New Orleans, Bull Run, Bataan and Corregidor, at Wake Island and Pearl Harbor, but let us see to it that no more such heroes need be made."

WORLD MUST SOLVE JEWISH PROBLEM WITH JEWISH PARTICIPATION, CZECH MINISTER STATES

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Describing anti-Semitism as a "deadly infection which can pass from country to country," Ripka stated that it is the "task of all civilized nations to act against this form of bestiality wherever and whenever it occurs." He paid tribute to the Jewish soldiers in the Czech army and to all Jews who are aiding the fight for a liberated Czechoslovakie, assuring them that the Government appreciated this help. "After victory is won in the struggle for freedom, the freedom of the Jews will not be forgotten," he concluded.

Among the Czechoslovak dignitaries attending the reception, which was arranged by the World Jewish Congress, were Prokop Maxa, chairman of the Czechoslovakian State Council; Dr. Jurej Slavik, Minister of the Interior; Jaromir Necas, Minister for Economic Reconstruction; Frantisek Nemec, Minister for Social Welfare, and numerous others. Samuel Silverman, M.P., presided at the gathering.

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