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LONDON TIMES EXPLAINS WHY CREATION OF JEWISH ARMY IS NOT ADVISABLE

LONDON, May 51. (JTA) -- The demands voiced in the United States in connection with the formation of a Jewish Army in Palestine are answered in an article from Jerusalem published in the London Times yesterday describing as "quite unfounded" the impression prevailing abroad that Palestine has a large body of potential military personnel which is not used because there is no conscription in the country.

Obviously inspired by the Palestine Government, the correspondent of the London Times in his cabled dispatch says that "the nationalist demand for a distinct Jewish Army, in addition to the 12,000 Jews who have joined the British armed forces and the 15,000 who are employed as temporary additional police, overlooks a number of important facts." He unumerates these "overlooked facts" as follows:

"1. The Jews have in fact won special recognition for the use of Hebrew and for the appointment of Jewish commanding officers wherever this is possible.

"2. It is not expedient to excite suspicion and unrest by giving arms to one part of a mixed population which is notoriously at loggerheeds with each other.

"5. It is not wise to divert more men from industry and agriculture.

"4. The unwillingness of Jews and Arabs to serve in greater numbers unless the Palestine administration resorts to the doubtful policy of universal conscription."

"In view of the chronic and basic political problems which at present have been shelved only temporarily, it is more important to keep Palestine internally quiet and working on essential war industries them upset the situation by either conscription or favoring nationalistic ambitions of one of the rival races," the article in the London Times asserts.

COUNCIL ON BUROPEAN JEWISH AFFAIRS WILL BE FORMED AT NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 51. (JTA) -- An Advisory Council on European Jewish Affairs, comprising representatives of countries taken over by the Axis who are now in the United States, will be formed at a two-day conference summoned by the Morid Jewish Congress, to be held at the Commodore Hotel, beginning Saturday, June 6, it was announced here today.

The Council, when formed, will include the designated spokesmen of newly established committees from the various countries opposing the Axis, such as Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Latvia-Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumenia and Yugoslavia.

The week-end conference has as its objective the establishment of a united front on the part of representatives of European Jewish communities with respect to common problems relating to the efforts to win the war, win the peace, and bring about the post-war reconstruction of Jewish life at the end of the war. The conference will develop plans looking towards participation of the various groups in the common struggle for the maintenance of democracy, and in the promotion of better understanding on the part of non-Jewish groups of their respective nationalities with respect to the position of the Jews.

It will also discuss a plan for such assistance to the Jewish communities still in the countries of Axis domination, in accordance with the limitations imposed by the United Nations.

SECOND JEWISH WOMAN APPOINTED MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, May 51. (JTA) -- Dr. Esther Govorovski-Schulrichter was confirmed by the Palestine Government as a member of the Tel Aviv municipal council, the Palestine Gazette announces today. She is the second woman in the council.

NAZIS ORDER JEWS IN AMSTERDAM CHETTO TO SHARE ROOMS WITH DEPORTED FAMILIES

STOCKHOLM, May 51. (JTA) -- The continual "evacuation" of Jews from the provincial cities in Nazi-occupied Holland to the ghetto in Amsterdam, has resulted in an order being issued by the Amsterdam Nazi authorities, making it obligatory for Jewish families in the ghetto to give shelter to Jews driven from the provinces. The order is published in the Joodsche Weekblad, organ of the Jewish Council in the Amsterdam ghetto, reaching here today.

The Nazi-censored Jewish newspaper states that the Jewish homes in the Amsterdam ghetto are so overcrowded with Jews deported from other sections of the country, that it is impossible to induce anymore any of the Amsterdam Jews to voluntarily give shelter to the "evacuated" Jewish families who continue to arrive. Under the new order of the Nazi authorities, the Jewish Council of the ghetto is compelled to house the "evacuated" Jews no matter how many people have to be crowded into one room.

In a broadcast on the Nazi-controlled Hilversum radio heard here today Ernst Voorhoeve, a Dutch Nazi leader, denounced Dutch girls who "ostentatiously walk the streets, arm in arm, with Jews wearing the Mogen Davids in order to display their hatred of the Nazis." Voorhoeve tacitly admitted that the Dutch people continue to resist the anti-Jewish laws, and reiterated that the Mogen David regulation was necessary "because it is imperative to be able to distinguish between Jews and Aryans."

JEWISH DEPUTY PROTESTS POLICY OF POLISH MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- Declaring that he hesitated to vote yesterday for the budget of the Poliah National Council since he is dissatisfied with the policy of the Polish Government-in-Exile with regard to certain aspects concerning Poliah Jewry, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Council, in a statement today revealed that he is "especially opposed to the attitude of the Polish Ministry of Information towards the Jewish problem."

"During the debate on the budget at the Polish National Council, I openly expressed my complaints and asked for the modification of the policies of certain ministries. I finally voted for the budget only because this was primarily a war budget presented in a critical and historic time for Poland in her struggle for independence. I voted in the hope that my demands will be fulfilled," Ir. Schwartzbert said.

BULGARIA DEPRIVES JEWISH SHAREHOLDERS OF RIGHTS IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

ZURICH, May 51. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian newspaper "Dnewnik" reaching here today reports that Jewish shareholders have been automatically deprived of claims to any mining rights they hitherto possessed.

A report from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, states that several thousand Bulgarian Jews who were sent as forced labor to construct roads, have been ordered to wear yellow ammlets twelve centimeters wide in order to be easily distinguished by the Nazi supervisors who are in charge of the road building work.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR JERUSALEM, JEWISH AGENCY LEADER CALL FOR INCREASED RECRUITMENT

JENUSALEM, May 51. (JTA) -- Edward Keith-Roach, district commissioner for Jerusalem, and Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, today shared the platform at a public recruiting meeting here. They both called for increased enlistment by those of military age. An exhibition depicting the development of Jewish war industries will soon open in Tel Aviv, it was announced here today.

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BEN-GURION CALLS FOR REALIGNMENT OF ZIONIST FORCES IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, May 51. (JTA) -- Declaring that the present war must "result in full recognition of a Jewish State in Palestine," David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, in an address to the League for Labor Palestine Convention, last night called upon American Zionists to realign their forces so that they could more effectively strengthen the Zionist movement in the United States.

The League expressed its satisfaction with President Roosevelt's statement to the American Palestine Committee, lauding Jewish achievements in Palestine as a sample of democracy in action. A resolution expressing the hope that contact between Russian and world Jewry would soon be reestablished was adopted by the convention. A letter from Dr. Chaim Weismann, president of the Jewish Agency, read at the meeting, praised the contribution of the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation, to Palestine's war effort. The League pledged to raise \$50,000 for the Histadruth. Dr. Herman Seidel was re-elected president at today's session of the conference.

450 JEWISH REFUGEES, INCLUDING 100 CHILDREN, HELD IN ELLIS ISLAND OF CUBA

NEW YORK, May 51. (JTA) -- The difficult situation of 450 refugees who are detained at present in Tiscornia, the Ellis Island of Cuba, was described today by Charles H. Jordam, Director of the Joint Relief Committee of Hawama, in an interview at the offices of the Joint Distribution Committee here. Mr. Jordam is in New York for a few days to consult with J.D.C. officers concerning the new problems affecting the status of some 6,000 refugees who have found asylum in Cuba.

"Some 450 people, including more than 100 children, are today in Tiscornie,"
Hr. Jordan declared. "Some of them have been there for as long as two months. Cuban regulations have held them completely incommunicado. They were not permitted
to receive visitors, to send or receive letters, or to use the telephone or telegraph.

"While it is understandable that the Cuban Government wishes to check very carefully on the identity of all enemy nationals entering Cuban territory, it cannot be overlooked that the situation of the refugees in Tiscornia is far from good. The food is not suitable for European palates, and the more than 120 orthodox Jews smong the refugees find it particularly difficult to get along. Among the refugees are also a number of pregnant woman and aged people whose infirmities impose special hardships on them. Since the middle of May, the Joint Relief Committee of Havana has secured exclusive permission to visit Tiscornia end also to send certain foods into the community kitchen at Tiscornia, which offer additional nutrition to the internees," the J.D.G. representative disclosed.

ORT TRAINING CENTER OPENED IN REFUGEE INTERMENT CAMP IN CANADA

MONTREAL, May 51. (JTA) -- The official opening of the first ORT training school at a civilian intermment camp took place at Fort Lennox, Quebec yesterday. Lord Marley, British labor peer, was the principal speaker.

The camp is maintained for Jewish internees sent to Canada from England in the early days of the war because they were of German or Austrian nationality. On completing their training, the men will be employed in government plants reconditioning and repairing machinery.

Other speakers at the opening ceremonies were Dr. E. Coleman, Dominion Under-Secretary of State; Dr. David Lyovitch, vice-president of the "orld ORT; Samuel Brooffman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Morris Finestons, Secretary of United Hebrew Trades, New York; Aaron B. Tart, executive vice-chairman of the American ORT, representing George Backer of New York, president of the organization; Samuel Harshal, technical adviser, and Louis Fitch, president of the Canadian ORT. A number of high-ranking Canadian army officers were also present.