SPAIN ORDERS CLOSING OF ALL JEWISH INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING SYNAGOGUES

LISBON, June 2. (JTA)-- Leaders of the Jewish communities in Spain have been requested by the Spanish authorities to sign a pledge not to continue any Jewish communal and religious activities in the country, according to information reaching here today from Madrid.

The "request" was issued following a law promulgated by the Spanish Government providing for the dissolution of all Jewish religious institutions, and ordering the closing of all synagogues and Jewish communal offices and the confiscation of all Jewish communal property.

NAZIS IN BELGIUM REVIVE EDICT IMPOSING YELLOW BADGES ON JEWS

ZURICH, June 2. (JTA)-- Jews in Belgium will be compelled to wear a yellow Mogen David on the left side of their outer garments, beginning this Saturday, according to an official decree issued today by the Nazi military commander of Belgium. The decree follows upon the heels of an order by the German occupation authorities in France instructing Jews in the occupied zone to don the yellow badges this coming Sunday.

In November, 1940 the Nazi administration in Antwerp issued an order requiring all Jews to wear Mogen David armbands. As a result, the rest of the population, demonstrating its sympathy with the Jews, put on similar arm bands, so that the Germans were unable to distinguish between Jews and non-Jews. Even the Gestapo agents were powerless to meet the situation and the order was tacitly dropped, until it was revived today.

Another decree issued today by the Nazi military command in Belgium forbids Jews to remain in the homes of non-Jews during the curfew hours.

50,000 RUMANIAN JEWS REPORTED DEAD FROM TYPHUS; FOOD RATION HALVED FOR JEWS

ISTANBUL, June 2. (JTA)-- More than 50,000 Jews of those deported during the winter from Bessarabia and Bukovina into Transnistria, the Rumanian-held section of Soviet Ukraine, have died from typhus, according to a report reaching here today.

The situation of the Jews in Rumania, the report said, is becoming similar to that in Poland. The Rumanian Jews are now receiving only half of the food ration given to the rest of the population.

An article by Dr. Conti, chief of the Nazi health office, broadcast today over the Berlin radio, states that 672 cases of spotted typhus have been registered during the last month among Jews in territories incorporated into the Reich as compared with 280 such cases among non-Jews and 8 cases among Germans. Dr. Conti, whose article was published in the Berliner Boerzen-Zeitung, is known as the "Julius Streicher of medical Germany" - a name which he acquired for his ferocious campaign against Jewish doctors and dentists in the early days of the Nazi regime.
FEAR OF VATICAN PREVENTS MUSSOLINI FROM INTRODUCING YELLOW BADGES FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA)--Jews in Italy have been saved from wearing the yellow Mogen David now worn by most of their co-religionists throughout Axis-dominated Europe as a result of Mussolini's fear that an order to this effect would precipitate a serious rift with the Vatican, it was disclosed today by David Colin, JTA Rome correspondent, who returned home on the S.S. Drottningholm yesterday after being interned in Italy since the United States entered the war.

Colin revealed that when Mussolini returned to Rome after his last conference with Hitler on May 1, he summoned his chief of police, Senise, and the head of his Bureau on Racial Policies and requested them to order all Jews in the country to wear yellow badges. The chief of police informed Il Duce that such an order would be extremely inadvisable as it would arouse the opposition of the Vatican. Mussolini, therefore, abandoned the idea.

At this conference, however, it was decided that Italian Jews must be utilized for the war effort. The following week an order was issued mobilizing all Jews in Italy between the ages of 18 and 55 for forced labor. Four hundred Jewish doctors and 500 Jewish engineers who were exempted from this order will also soon be called to service on the home front, Colin stated.

Jewish Communities in Italy Operating Under Difficulties

In spite of the generally repressive policies of the Italian government as regards the Jews, Jewish communities are still operating in Italy, although greatly handicapped, Colin asserted. Their chief task at present, he stated, was caring for the thousands of refugees who have sought comparative shelter in Italy from the intolerable conditions in the Nazi state of Croatia, which was carved out of Yugoslavia. An estimated 2,500 Jews are reported to have crossed the frontier into Dalmatia and northern Italy in the last year. Nearly all slipped through the Italian lines at great risk, Colin said, while many others were caught and turned back.

Those Jews who did succeed in getting through brought tales of incredible persecution by the Ustascha, the Croatian storm-troops of the country's dictator, Ante Pavelitch. Jews were murdered, their homes pillaged, and women and girls were violated by marauding Ustascha bands.

Jews Needed for War Effort Transformed into "Honorary Aryans"

Italy has adopted the Nazi technique of transforming Jews whose services are sorely needed in the war effort into "honorary Aryans," Colin disclosed. After the British raid on Taranto, which left a good part of the Italian fleet crippled, Mussolini called upon the Jewish Admiral Umberto Pugliesi, to attempt to salvage the battleships Julius Caesar and Conte Cavour. Pugliesi, who designed practically every vessel in the Italian fleet, has already succeeded in refloating the Caesar and is now working on the Cavour.

Another "honorary Aryan" is Angelo Sacerdoti, designer of the pride of the Italian merchant fleet, Conte di Savoii, and other merchant ships. He is now in charge of merchant ship construction with an office in the ministry of marines.

Speaking of the general situation in Italy, Colin declared that 85 per cent of the people are pro-American and bitterly anti-German. "You can see it in the hospitality the people have for Americans," he reported. "They hate the Germans, who, they think, are trying to master them."
CHURCHES IN HOLLAND UNITE TO CONDEMN NAZI "LAWLESSNESS AND MERCILESSNESS AGAINST JEWS"

STOCKHOLM, June 2. (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in occupied Holland are becoming more and more perturbed over the fact that the Protestant and Catholic churches have formed a united front to protest not only against Nazi persecution of the Christian faith, but also against the anti-Jewish measures introduced in the country.

"What God has not achieved for centuries, the yellow star for Jews has accomplished," the Dutch Nazi newspaper "Volk en Vaderland" which reached here today writes, commenting sarcastically on the unity reached between the leaders of the Catholic and Protestant churches.

The paper refers to the fact that for the first time since the occupation of Holland the two churches have issued an almost identical Pastoral Letter condemning the Nazi attacks on Christianity and "the lawlessness and mercilessness against the Jewish population." The letter was read in all Protestant and Catholic churches throughout Holland on Sunday, April 19, according to the paper.

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN RUSSIA WILL ASK AMERICAN JEWS FOR FUNDS TO BUILD TANKS, BOMBERS

MOSCOW, June 2. (JTA)-- A resolution instructing its executive committee to launch a collection campaign among Jews of the United States, Great Britain and other democratic countries for the acquisition of 1,000 tanks and 500 bombers for the Red Army was adopted here today at the concluding meeting of the plenary session of the Jewish anti-Fascist Committee.

Collections among Jewish workers in Moscow, which started yesterday for the same purpose, yielded 45,000 roubles in one day. Messages received today by the Committee from various parts of the USSR indicate that Jews throughout the country have enthusiastically received the news of the decision to donate "Jewish tanks and bombers" to the Soviet fighting forces and that many are donating two days' wages and more to the fund.

NAZIS EXECUTE GERMAN ARMY CHAPLAINS IN GREECE FOR AIDING JEWS

ISTANBUL, June 2. (JTA)-- Two German army chaplains, who fled to Smyrna from Greece in an Italian army plane, which they had appropriated, reported that they were deserting because six of their colleagues had been executed at Salonika for secretly feeding starving Greeks and Jews, according to reports reaching here today from Smyrna.

The two chaplains, who were piloted by a German soldier, also revealed that many other pastors serving with the Nazi army had been sent back to Germany or deported to elsewhere in German-occupied Europe when they were discovered to have helped Jewish and Greek women and children escape to Syria.

CONFINSCATION OF JEWISH ENTERPRISES IN SLOVAKIA WILL BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK

ZURICH, June 2. (JTA)-- The last 34 Jewish-owned enterprises in the Nazi puppet-state of Slovakia will have been liquidated by Sunday, according to a report of the Slovakian Economic Office appearing in the Prager Abend, reaching here today.

The report follows a broadcast made over the Bratislave radio this past week-end by Samo Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior, in which he claimed that "Slovakian industry was now developing better without Jewish influence," although it was struggling against "Aryan profiteers." He asserted that Jewish-owned property belonged to the soldiers at the front because "they sacrificed most."

Reports reaching here from Slovakia during the past year, since expropriation of Jewish-owned property began, indicated, however, that members of the Slovak bureaucracy and of the storm-troop Hlinka Guard were reaping the benefit from the confiscated enterprises, rather than soldiers at the front.
ANTI-ZIONIST RABBIS DISCUSS PLANS TO SPREAD THEIR VIEWS AMONG U.S. JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 2. (JTA)-- The publication of the papers presented at the meeting of the sixty anti-Zionist Reform rabbis now taking place here was urged today by Rabbi Clifton Levy, addressing the gathering in the Chelsea Hotel.

The papers, representing the views of the minority group within the Central Conference of American Rabbis, all express opposition to Zionism and to the creation of a separate Jewish Army. Rabbi Levy also urged the founding of a publication of national scope to present the ideas of Reform Judaism as expressed by the more than sixty rabbis attending the gathering.

Rabbi Isaac Landman of Brooklyn, addressing today's session, stated that "the time for the realization of the Jewish religious hope of universal justice and righteousness among peoples and nations, first envisioned by the Jewish prophets and carried down by the Jews to this day, has come; that the history of the United Nations shall presage the setting of the right in the earth, according to the truth; that the peace shall guarantee this right for all peoples of the whole world; that nations shall not learn war anymore, so that none shall hereafter make them afraid. This certain can be the unanimous declaration of all Jews everywhere, even those to whom Zionism is their religion," Rabbi Landman said.

Zionist Resolutions are Inconsistent, Says Rabbi Lazaron

Dr. Morris A. Lazaron of Baltimore, addressing the conference last night, stated that the resolutions of the Zionist meetings "reveal inconsistencies which are hard to reconcile."

"They proclaim unreserved support of the United Nations, yet continue to agitate for a Jewish Army," he pointed out. "They declare for cooperation with the Arabs, but demand that the Jewish Agency have full control of immigration. They deny nationalism for the Jews, but demanding international status for the Jewish people, call upon Jews who are citizens of other countries to work for a political goal related to a land other than their own. No stable future for the Jew in Palestine or anywhere else can be built on such foundations."

Dr. David Philipson of Cincinnati said that the United States and other free nations of the world are the promised lands for the Jews of the present generation. The rabbis attending the meeting were appointed a continuing committee by Dr. Louis Wolsey of Philadelphia who presided.

CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE RACIAL QUESTION FROM EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS STARTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA)-- A campaign to eliminate all questions regarding religion, race, color or national origin from employment applications of war contractors in the state was started here today by the Committee on Discrimination in Employment of the State Council of Defense.

A. C. Doyle, field director of the committee, said that these questions violate the law, recently expanded and strengthened, forbidding discrimination in employment. "If we find any war contractor who insists on retaining these questions, we will make him show cause why he should not be compelled to drop them. So far, however, they have all been cooperative," he said.

UNITED STATES IS URGED TO UTILIZE SKILLS OF REFUGEES

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA)-- The suggestion that the United States follow the experiences of England and use the skills of "friendly" enemy aliens was voiced here last night by Earl G. Harrison, recently nominated Commissioner of Immigration. England has solved the problem of using the skills of refugees from enemy countries better than this country has, he told the University of Pennsylvania chapter of the Order of the Coif, Law School honor society.