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POLISH OFFICIALS IN RUSSIA DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS IN DISTRIBUTING AMERICAN RELIEF

MOSCOW, June 17. (JTA)-- Though the Polish embassy in Russia has issued definite instructions to its officials that American relief for Polish citizens stranded in the USSR should be distributed to Polish Jews and non-Jews alike, these instructions are not being obeyed, it was learned today from reports reaching here from various sections of the country where the refugees from Poland are concentrated.

The reports reveal that in many places the Polish Jews do not receive the same proportion of relief as that given to non-Jewish refugees from Poland. Polish officials in charge of the distribution of relief-purchased with American lend-lease funds-are reported to be definitely discriminating against the Jewish refugees. The Polish embassy is powerless to remedy the situation since no efficient control is possible over these officials' activities because of the remote places in which they are working.

Immediate investigation of the complaints reaching here from Polish-Jewish refugees would similarly be difficult in view of the fact that the complaints come from refugees located in distant places in Siberia and Uzbekistan where there are no railway communications. There is no doubt, however, that many of the complaints are justified. Even Polish embassy circles in Kuibyshev are aware of the situation. The embassy, it is understood, is not in a position to dismiss the officials against whom the complaints are directed though it considers their discriminatory activities an act of disloyalty to the present Polish Government since they may jeopardize the Polish lend-lease arrangements with the United States.

J.D.C. Medical Relief Welcomed by Poles and Jews

Complaints have also been received here from refugees with regard to the old clothing and shoes sent from America. Most of the articles, the complaints stress, are in such bad shape that they are of little use. Medical relief received from the American Joint Distribution Committee, however, is greatly appreciated here by both the Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Poland.

The bulk of the relief for the refugees from Poland reaches Russia under the lend-lease arrangement which Gen. Sikorski, the Polish premier, concluded with the U.S. Government in Washington. Relief shipments of clothing and other commodities are also received from the Jewish Labor Committee in America and from the Rada Polonia, the American Polish Relief Council. Relief is sent here from Palestine through the Polish Red Cross there. Jewish relief for the refugees from Poland is arriving here from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and England, where the local Jewish and Polish relief committees are working in complete cooperation.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS RELIEF PLANS FOR JEWS IN NAZI-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

LONDON, June 17. (JTA)-- The British Government was queried in the House of Commons today as to whether it would consider sending food and medicaments through the International Red Cross to Jews in Nazi-occupied countries "who are suffering more than war prisoners." Rhys Davies, Laborite M.P., asked the question of Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

Replying, Eden said that the Government is "acutely aware of the horrors and deprivations inflicted upon the people in occupied countries and has facilitated schemes for food relief without impairing the blockade." The Foreign Secretary added that the British Government "is also always ready to further the transit of medical supplies to occupied territory."

The Polish Foreign Minister, Count Raczynski, today pledged his full support to the campaign undertaken by the Council of Polish Jews here to find ways and means of dispatching food and medicaments to the starving Jews in the ghettos of Nazi-held Poland. A high British authority also assured the Council that the problem of sending relief to Jews in occupied Poland is definitely under consideration by the Government.

BRANDEIS' CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICA LAUDED BY ROOSEVELT IN MESSAGE TO WAGNER DINNER

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA)-- The services rendered by the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis to the "American way of life" were emphasized by President Roosevelt in a message read here tonight at a dinner given in honor of U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner by the National Committee for a Brandeis Memorial Colony in Palestine. More than 1,500 Jewish and Labor leaders attended the dinner which took place at the Hotel Commodore.

"At this moment," the President's message read, "it is entirely appropriate that we pause and in our own minds compare the character of the contributions made by the organizers of the so-called New Order, which grips Europe temporarily, with the character of the contributions to the American way of life made by Justice Brandeis, which most regrettably have come to an end; and those which have been made, and I am happy to say are continuing to be made, by Senator Wagner."

Messages expressing sympathy with the humanitarian object of the Louis D. Brandeis Memorial Colony Fund were also received from Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, and other American statesmen. The principal speakers at the dinner included Senator Robert F. Wagner, Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, David Ben-Gurion, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Isidore Nagler, Max Zaritsky and Louis Segal.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THANKS JEWISH WAR VETERANS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA)-- Gratitude to the Jewish War Veterans for their activities in connection with the war effort was expressed here yesterday by President Roosevelt, receiving Benjamin Kaufman, the national commander, at the White House.

The Veterans are at present engaged in a drive to bring about the purchase of \$25,000,000 worth of war bonds, of which more than \$12,000,000 have already been sold. In addition, the organization is raising a fund of \$180,000 to be presented as an outright gift to the government of the United States for the purchase of six Airo-Cobra Pursuit Planes.

40,000 ENGLISH JEWS SERVING IN BRITISH ARMED FORCES; COMPRISE 11% OF BRITISH JEWRY

LONDON, June 17. (JTA)-- Over 40,000 British Jews, more than 11 per cent of the entire Jewish population in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are now serving in Britain's armed forces, it was disclosed today by Sir Maurice Bloch, president of the Jewish Board of Guardians.

Sir Maurice made his announcement while addressing the annual meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians in Glasgow. The Jews in Britain constitute less than one per cent of the general population.

NAZIS USE JEWISH WAR PRISONERS AS GUINEA PIGS FOR POISON GAS EXPERIMENTS

STOCKHOLM, June 17. (JTA)-- Hundreds of Jewish and Russian war prisoners have lost their lives in the German monastery in Liebenau, Wuerttemberg, where the Nazis have used them as guinea pigs for poison gas experiments, according to reliable information reaching here today.

Under the pretext that the war prisoners were "slightly demented" and must be kept under special observation, the Nazi authorities transported them to Liebenau where they were used as subjects in experiments with poison gas in the same manner as were the Jewish internees in the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

Though the fact that war prisoners were used for poison gas experiments was kept a military secret, neutral diplomats learned of it. Afraid of retaliation, the Nazis rushed to liquidate their gas laboratories in Liebenau and converted the monastery into an internment camp for women of enemy countries.

BULGARIAN OFFICERS DEMAND STRICTER ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES; JEWISH FACTORIES CONFISCATED

ZURICH, June 17. (JTA)-- A resolution demanding "stricter measures" against the Jews of Bulgaria was adopted at a meeting of the Union of Bulgarian Reserve Officers, it is reported in the Nazi newspaper Donau Zeitung reaching here today.

Pressed by the Nazi government in Berlin, which is anxious to secure complete control over Bulgarian industry, the authorities in Bulgaria have ordered the confiscation of a number of large Jewish factories, according to a report from Sofia.

The factories will become the property of the Bulgarian state and will then be "leased" to Germans, the report stated. Further anti-Jewish measures are to be expected in Bulgaria before the month is over, the report indicated.

SLOVAKIAN PEOPLE URGED TO OPPOSE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES OF GOVERNMENT

LONDON, June 17. (JTA)-- The brutal persecution of Jews in Slovakia was condemned today in a broadcast from here to the people of Slovakia by the Czechoslovakian Minister of Interior, Juraj Slavik.

Denouncing the raids on Jewish homes and the deportation of thousands of Jews from the Nazi puppet-state of Slovakia to Nazi-held Eastern European territories, the Czechoslovak minister expressed the hope that "the God-fearing Slovak people will avenge the shame and disgrace brought upon the Slovak nation." He appealed to the people of Slovakia "to show Christian love to the Jews who are suffering most."

Great interest in the situation of the Jews in Nazi-held Europe was displayed by Swedish leaders and officials during the visit paid to Sweden by the Bishop of Chichester, who is a member of the House of Lords. Addressing a press conference here today, the Bishop disclosed that he was asked by a number of statesmen in Sweden as to the future of the Jews after the war. He assured the Swedes that this question was receiving a great deal of attention in Britain and that the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London is engaged in making a study of it.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL INTRODUCE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN NEW SCHOOL YEAR

BOSTON, June 17. (JTA)-- Week-day religious education will become operative in nine public school buildings in five school districts of Boston beginning October 1, it was announced here today. Children will be dismissed for one hour a week for religious instruction only upon receipt by the principal of the school of an application signed by the parent.

Jewish groups fought the proposal when it first came up about a year ago. Representatives of the Jewish community pointed out in their arguments that the Jewish community already has functioning a desirable Jewish religious school system which takes care of the religious needs of Jewish children five days a week. It was felt that the introduction of religious instruction for one hour a week may influence parents of Jewish children to halt the attendance of their children at Talmud Torahs and synagogue religious schools in the belief that the religious instruction given once a week under the auspices of the public school would be sufficient.

RARE MAIMONIDES' MANUSCRIPT DISCOVERED IN LIBRARY OF JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA)-- Two leaves of the first draft of Maimonides' famous Codes of Rabbinic Law, written in his own hand and containing notations by him, have been discovered in the E.N. Adler Collection in the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, it was announced here today by Dr. Alexander Marx, Librarian at the Seminary and Jacob H. Schiff, Professor of History.

The identification of the writing on these leaves as that of Maimonides himself was made by Mr. Morris Lutzki, while engaged in manuscript research at the Library. Mr. Lutzki's familiarity with the handwriting of Maimonides derives from his discovery seven years ago of ten other leaves from this same manuscript in the collection of the Bodleian Library of Oxford. These twelve leaves constitute the only known samples of Maimonides' handwriting in Hebrew.

The complete manuscript of which these leaves are remnants was preserved in Cairo, Egypt, where Maimonides spent most of his years and where he wrote the book. In the course of time, as the original manuscript was worn out, it appears that the few remaining pages were placed in the Genizah in Egypt, which was a room set aside in the Synagogue to hold sacred documents. It was this Genizah, containing more than 100,000 manuscripts, which was discovered in 1897 by Dr. Solomon Schechter, second president of the Seminary.

INSTITUTE FOR AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES RECEIVES GUGGENHEIM ESTATE AS GIFT

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA)-- The estate of Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim near Port Washington, L.I., has been given to the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences for the establishment of a research center as a memorial to her husband, it was announced yesterday by Major Lester D. Gardner, executive vice-president of the institute.

The council of the institute, in accepting the property, told Mrs. Guggenheim that her gift "will render a great service to the advancement of the art and science of aeronautics." The 162-acre estate is located on Sands Point and includes two-thirds of a mile of waterfront and a forty-room residence overlooking Long Island Sound, as well as other buildings suitable for laboratories.

The property has been named Daniel Guggenheim Park by the council of the institute. A board of trustees will supervise the institute's program for the use of the property and will appoint a board of scientific advisers to organize aeronautical research, the announcement said.