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PALESTINE CALLED UPON FOR TOTAL MOBILIZATION AS AXIS ARMIES DRIVE ON IN LIBYA

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA)-- With an Axis army reported only about seven miles from the Egyptian frontier, the population of Palestine today geared itself for an all-out defense against a possible Nazi drive through the Middle East. The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council, broadcasting today, called upon the Yishuv for a "total" recruiting effort and for material means to meet the "enemy at the gates."

All able-bodied men and women between the ages of seventeen and forty-five were urged to join some branch of the national services. As outlined in the broadcast, the available manpower in the country will be distributed on the following basis:

Childless and unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 31 to join the British armed forces. Youths of 17 and over to go into the fields for work and training. Those aged 18 to be used for auxiliary police and also for agricultural work. Men between the ages of 36 and 45 and those from 20 to 31, who do not fall into the categories expected to enlist, will be utilized for the auxiliary police, farming and the Home Guard. Women aged from 17 to 19 will be assigned to agricultural work and training. Those between 20 and 45 will go into the women's auxiliaries, home defense or agriculture. Mothers of small children are exempted from this call.

At the same time, the appeal of the Agency and the Council proclaimed a drive for the recruiting fund to purchase soldiers' comforts, for assistance to the families of soldiers and of auxiliary policemen, for aid to discharged and invalided soldiers, to meet special security requirements and to finance internal organization and recruitment. Many of the Yishuv's institutions, the Zionist parties and the Histadruth have already pledged their cooperation in this drive.

It was also learned here today that Palestine Jewish volunteers with the Royal Air Force, who heretofore have been restricted to ground work, will now be assigned to actual combat duty. A number of them are expected to reach England soon to receive specialized training.

NAZIS LAUNCH INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS IN HOLLAND

STOCKHOLM, June 21. (JTA)-- An intensified anti-Jewish campaign was launched yesterday in Holland at a conference of Dutch Nazi leaders, it is reported today in the Svenska Dagbladet, published here.

In proclaiming the campaign, Herr Schmidt, a leader of the Nazi Party in Germany, who was the principal speaker at the conference, said that "one day the last Jew will disappear from Holland." He expressed "regret" at the fact that the Dutch population is displaying open sympathy with the Jews in Holland and indicated that measures will be taken against those "who are obstructing the program against the Jews."

NEW WAVE OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES REPORTED FROM WARSAW GHETTO; THOUSANDS OF JEWS DYING

GENEVA, June 21. (JTA)-- Epidemic diseases are again reaching a high level in the Warsaw Jewish ghetto, according to reliable reports reaching here today from Nazi-held Poland. Typhus cases have increased in number during the last fortnight and many deaths are reported among Jews in Warsaw.

One of the reports speaks of "thousands of Jews dying of epidemics in the Warsaw ghetto." The fact that typhus and other epidemic diseases are again widespread in Poland is substantiated by an order carried in the Nazi press stating that people traveling on trains in occupied Eastern territory must first produce "delousing certificates" before securing their permit to travel.

PROF. EINSTEIN URGES U.S. JEWISH YOUTH TO STUDY HEBREW IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA)-- Jewish youth in America was urged today by Prof. Albert Einstein to take advantage of the fact that high schools and universities are offering courses in Hebrew language and literature and to register for these courses "in order to keep abreast with the development of our re-born civilization."

The Jewish scientist's message was read at a festival held in the auditorium of the School of Education of New York University in honor of 100 prize students of Hebrew language and literature in the High Schools of the City of New York and in the Hebrew Department of New York University. Each of the students received an award consisting of a gold pin bearing the Hebrew letter "Ayin," the first letter of the word for Hebrew.

Pointing out that "the fate of the Jewish world is at stake today when large centers of Jewish life in Eastern Europe have been cruelly destroyed," Prof. Einstein expressed the hope that America will help to recreate some of the cultural values which have been lost in Europe.

The prize students, their parents and friends were welcomed by Prof. Henri Olinger, chairman of the New York University Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Israel S. Chipkin, associate director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, and Dr. Abraham I. Katsch, director of the Jewish Culture Foundation of New York University. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Judah Lapson, director of the Jewish Culture Council. The Mitchell N. Kaplan prize for the best essay on Hebrew culture was awarded to Therese Farber of the School of Education of New York University. Walter John Blalle, Abraham Kulick and Libby Lazarson of New York University, received 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

CHARLES A. RIEGELMAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NRS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA)-- Charles A. Riegelman of New York was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Refugee Service, principal service agency for refugees in the United States, at a meeting of the Executive Board, it was announced today at the agency's headquarters.

Mr. Riegelman succeeds David H. Sulzberger who has occupied the post since the agency's inception in June, 1939. Mr. Sulzberger will serve as vice-president of the organization. Mr. Riegelman, active in philanthropic and communal affairs, has been chairman of the Distribution Committee of the Federation for Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies since 1940, and trustee-at-large since 1931; a director for ten years of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, and vice-president and director of the Hebrew Technical School for Girls from 1929 to 1932. He has been a director since 1939 of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and a trustee since 1927 of the George Junior Republic Association.

JEWS IN BUKOVINA TRADE FUR COATS FOR LOAF OF BREAD; AXIS BRUTALITIES DESCRIBED

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA)-- Starvation among Jews in Nazi-dominated Rumania is so great that in the province of Bukovina Jews have offered fur-coats and diamond rings for a loaf of bread and stripped themselves of their last shirt for anything edible, trustworthy Americans recently repatriated from Rumania told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today.

Describing the massacres of Jews in Bessarabia and Bukovina, they stated that in Bukovina not only were Jews killed by the thousands by Rumanian troops commanded by German officers, but those who were unharmed faced hunger and epidemics. The toll taken by the Nazis in Bukovina was described as even higher than the 60,000 Jews massacred in the Kishinev area in Bessarabia.

"The first thing the Axis forces did when entering a town or village in Bukovina and Bessarabia was to round up all the male Jewish population," one of the American informants reported. "German and Rumanian soldiers then pulled the Jews' beards out by the roots. In many cases, they forced the wife and children of their victim to watch him being castrated. In Bessarabia, thousands of Jewish girls were seized and sent to brothels established for the German troops."

"In one village," the American continued, "German storm-troopers ordered Rumanian soldiers to execute a score of Jewish children. The firing squad's first volley, however, left the children unscathed and the superstitious Rumanians refused to fire a second time. The cursing Nazis ordered them to shoot or be shot themselves, and they finished the foul job."

Conditions Reported to be Somewhat Better in Bucharest

Conditions in "old Rumania" were better, the American informants reported, particularly in Bucharest and the larger cities. Many industries and essential stores still function under Jewish management, they said, although under government supervision and control, because the Rumanians have not succeeded in finding competent substitutes and elimination of the Jews at this stage would cause serious interference with production and distribution.

Rumanian officials still graft on Jews and deal with them, one observer said. Those Jews who still have money are able to retain Gentile employees. The government inspectors call regularly, collect their few hundred lei and depart. In certain cases where the pickings are especially good, their superior officers come around and collect as well.

Spanish Ambassador Saves Sephardic Jews in Rumania

The Spanish Ambassador in Bucharest, Conte de Casa Roje, was instrumental in saving the lives of many of the Sephardic (Spanish-speaking) Jews of Rumania, according to American informants, by recognizing them as Spanish subjects and giving them Spanish passports.

The Jews in Rumania, according to one informant familiar with their situation, have no illusions about their predicament. Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, leader of the Jewish community, is a hostage of the Nazis and it is feared that he may be executed on the slightest pretext. There is a general awareness among the Jews that at any time the Germans, together with the Iron Guard extremists, may launch a campaign of thorough extermination of all the Jews in Rumania.

RELIEF FOR JEWS IN POLISH GHETTOS DISCUSSED BY AMERICAN FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21. (JTA)-- The problem of relieving the distress of the Jews in the ghettos of Poland was discussed at the 54th annual convention of the American Federation for Polish Jews, held at the Hotel Breakers here today with 400 delegates attending. Benjamin Winter, president of the organization, in submitting a program of new activities for the ensuing year, called for efforts to aid the Polish Jews in Nazi-dominated areas, establishing contact with Polish Jewish war prisoners in Germany and Polish Jewish soldiers in Libya, Asia Minor and England, of whom there are 26,000 fighting under Allied flags.

The convention was addressed by Wladyslaw Korsak, Vice-Minister of Inner Affairs in the Polish Government; Henri Torres, noted French lawyer; Dr. Wladyslaw Malinowski, leader of the Polish Labor Party, and by representatives of various national Jewish organizations in this country.

\$100,000 PLEDGED TO UJA BY JEWISH FRATERNAL AND BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA)-- Pledges and checks totalling \$100,000 for the war emergency campaign of the United Jewish Appeal were received today at the annual luncheon of the Council of Organizations of the UJA at Manhattan Center here, attended by 1,500 delegates representing several hundred Jewish fraternal and benevolent groups in this city, with a membership of more than 500,000. William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service, welcomed the delegates.

Greetings from members of the United Nations were delivered by Arthur H. Tandy of His Majesty's Council, representing the British Government; Silvan Strakacz, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland; Karel Hudec, Consul General of the Czechoslovak Republic; Dr. Joseph Ku, Deputy Consul General of the Chinese Consulate, and Oscar Gabrilowitsch, the Yugoslav consul.

Among the chief speakers were Louis Segal, General Secretary of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, and Herman Hoffman, Grandmaster of the Independent Order Brith Abraham. Greetings on behalf of the Jewish language newspapers were delivered by Arthur L. Malkenson, publisher of the Jewish Morning Journal; Alexander Kahn, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, and Morris Weinberg, publisher of the Day. Judge Jonah Goldstein of the Court of General Sessions is honorary chairman of the Council, and Max Ogust is executive chairman.

UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS OPENS CONVENTION TODAY AT ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21. (JTA)-- Several hundred delegates, representing the strict orthodox congregations in the United States and Canada, will assemble at the Hotel Ostend, in this city, tomorrow to participate in the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. The convention will be opened in the afternoon by Rabbi Israel Rosenberg of New York, head of the praesidium, and will continue until Thursday.

Aside from the reports, the convention will discuss the question of Kashruth, or the strict orthodox dietary laws; the establishment and upkeep of Yeshivas, theological seminaries, which have been so ruthlessly destroyed by the Nazis with the creation of the ghetto; help to the refugees; support of general charities and the problem of settling as many refugee rabbis as possible in this country and Palestine.