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SWEDISH PARLIAMENT ADOPTS REPORT URGING RACIAL PROPAGANDA BE MADE PUNISHABLE OFFENSE

STOCKHOLM, June 22. (JTA)-- The Swedish parliament today unanimously adopted a report submitted by its Law Committee which recommends making racial propaganda a punishable offense.

"Statements which are likely to provoke hatred against groups of citizens in our country because of their religion or race are inexcusable and intolerable," the report said. "Making them a punishable offense would serve the interests of public order and of decency."

In interpreting his report, the rapporteur urged that legislation specifically prohibiting anti-Jewish propaganda in Sweden should be promulgated. The adoption by the parliament of a resolution approving the report implicitly condemns anti-Semitism, he said.

200 JEWS EXECUTED BY NAZIS IN BARANOWICZE; 2,000 REPORTED DEAD IN CAMPS

LONDON, June 22. (JTA)-- Nearly 200 Jews perished in mass-executions carried out by the Gestapo in the city of Baranowicze, Eastern Poland, according to a report reaching here today.

The report states that 2,000 Jews have been sent from Baranowicze to Nazi concentration camps since the city came under Nazi rule less than a year ago. Most of them have since died. At present there are only 8,000 Jews left in Baranowicze, a majority of whom are women, children and aged, the report says.

CAMPAIGN TO EXPEL ALL JEWS FROM DWELLINGS LAUNCHED IN HUNGARY, YUGOSLAVIA

ZURICH, June 22. (JTA)-- Citing the expulsion of Jews in Bulgaria from their apartments as an example, the Nazi-dominated press in Hungary and in occupied Yugoslavia has opened a campaign to have all Jews in these two countries ousted from their dwellings into special segregated areas, according to the Donau Zeitung, Nazi newspaper for the Balkan countries reaching here today.

Corporal punishment has been introduced in occupied Yugoslavia for persons convicted of selling food to Jews in the black market. The German press reaching here today reports that several people have received twenty-five strokes each in Belgrade with a warning that if they are again caught supplying food to Jews, they will be sentenced to death.

In Slovakia, the local German population was granted autonomy in issuing laws dealing with Jews; a report from Bratislava stated. The severe anti-Jewish laws issued by the anti-Semitic government of Slovakia are considered by the Germans there to be "insufficient," the report said.

ANTI-SEMITISM SCORED BY WILLKIE IN SATURDAY EVENING POST ARTICLE

PHILADELPHIA, June 22. (JTA)-- Taking issue with the article "The Case Against the Jews" published recently in the Saturday Evening Post and terming it a "flagellation of the Jews," Wendell L. Willkie, in an article in the forthcoming issue of the same magazine, condemns anti-Semitism and emphasizes that Americans, particularly in time of national emergency, should be alert to protect the rights of all minorities.

"We are already witnessing a crawling, insidious anti-Semitism in our own country," Willkie writes. It will be well to bear in mind continuously that we are fighting today against intolerance and oppression, and that we shall get them in abundance if we lose. If we allow them to develop at home while we are engaging the enemy abroad, we have immeasurably weakened our fighting arm.

"Our nation is composed of no one race, faith or cultural heritage. It is a grouping of some thirty peoples possessing varying religious concepts, philosophies and historical backgrounds. They are linked together by their confidence in our democratic institutions as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution for themselves and for their children."

Pointing out that he has been "sickened to see political parties flirting with remnants of anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klanism and hesitating to denounce the anti-Semitism of Coughlinites and others," Willkie concludes: "Our way of living together in America is a strong but delicate fabric. It is made up of many threads. It has been woven over many centuries by the patience and sacrifice of countless liberty-loving men and women. It serves as a cloak for the protection of poor and rich, of black and white, of Jew and gentile, of foreign and native born. For God's sake, let us not tear it asunder. For no man knows, once it is destroyed, where or when man will find its protective warmth again."

WEIZMANN ASKS "WAR LOAN" OF \$5,000,000 TO PURCHASE LAND FOR JEWS IN PALESTINE

CHICAGO, June 22. (JTA)-- Floating of a "war loan" of \$5,000,000 to redeem 1,000,000 dunams of land in Palestine was proposed last night by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, speaking at a dinner here in his honor under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund. Touching upon the tense political and military situation in the Middle East, Dr. Weizmann stated that in spite of temporary setbacks "we must have faith in victory. The spirit of Jerusalem will triumph over the forces of evil."

Outlining the long sufferings of the Jewish people, the world Zionist leader expressed confidence that "a democratic victory is indissolubly bound up with adherence to a higher international morality and justice to the Jewish people. A Jewish National Homeland in Palestine must result from this victory, for this is the only answer and atonement that the Christian world can give to the Jewish people."

Discussing Jewish achievements in Palestine, Dr. Weizmann emphasized that there are today 550,000 Jews in Palestine as compared with the 57,000 that were there in 1919. Today there are 265 agricultural colonies in comparison with 44 in 1919, and JNF land holdings are now 600,000 dunams as compared with 16,000 at the close of the last war. He stated that over a half billion dollars of Jewish capital has been invested in Palestine in the past two decades, including \$125,000,000 contributed over this period by the Jews of the world. Senator Alben Berkley, Senate majority leader, also spoke at the dinner.

PARIS RADIO "EXPLAINS" WHY YELLOW BADGE WAS INTRODUCED FOR JEWS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

GENEVA, June 22. (JTA)-- The opposition displayed by many Frenchmen in Paris to introduction of the yellow Mogen David for Jews in occupied France has prompted the Nazi authorities there to issue an "explanation" as to why this measure was taken.

The "explanation" was given over the Nazi-controlled Paris radio today in the form of a statement said to have been made by Andre Chamet, vice-president of the Association of Anti-Jewish Journalists in France. "It is important," the statement read, "that the public should really understand why the Jews were made to wear the yellow star. This is a gesture meaning: Hands off our country and on with our national revolution!"

A report reaching here today from Paris states that all Jewish students will soon be excluded from the Paris conservatory of music. At present, Jewish students are not permitted to participate in the competitions which the conservatory arranges, the report said.

SIX MORE JEWS AMONG NAZI VICTIMS EXECUTED IN PRAGUE

LONDON, June 22. (JTA)-- Six more Jews were among the Nazi victims executed in Prague during the week-end, it was announced here today by the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile.

A cable to the Jewish Agency office here reported that Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Agency in Jerusalem, conferred today with Gen. Sergei Ingr, Czechoslovakian Minister of War, concerning the participation of Jewish soldiers in the Czech army in the Middle East.

The conference followed a ceremony "somewhere in Palestine" over the week-end at which all the Czech units were drawn up on parade and paid tribute to the hostages killed by the Nazis in reprisal for the death of Reinhard Heydrich. Among the soldiers were many Jews, a number of whom are veterans of the war in the Western Desert and participated in the defense of Tobruk when it was besieged last year.

RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY PROTESTED IN LETTER SENT BY POLITICAL LEADERS TO ANTONESCU

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA)-- The text of a protest against the Nazi-fostered anti-Semitic policy of the Rumanian Government, submitted to Marshal Ion Antonescu by the leaders of two of the nation's major political parties, was revealed here today by a JTA correspondent who received it in Lisbon from a prominent Rumanian official who had fled the country.

The protest, which was contained in a larger communication warning against Rumania's continued participation in the war as an ally of Germany, was signed by Dr. Iuliu Maniu, leader of the National Peasants' Party, and Rumania's outstanding advocate of democracy, and George Bratianu, leader of the National Liberal Party. It was given to the JTA correspondent by Nicolas Dainu, a Maniu supporter and a former cabinet officer, who left Rumania after being wounded on the Russian front, in protest against Antonescu's decision to stay in the war against Russia although all territory claimed by Rumania has already been reconquered.

The portion of the letter dealing with the treatment of Jews stated: "What situation is Rumania creating for herself by the condemnable excesses against the Jews accomplished or inspired by the Germans, contrary to the peaceful nature of the Rumanian people?"

Seventy Jews Arrested in Bucharest, Radio Reports

BERNE, June 22. (JTA)-- The Bucharest radio announced today that seventy Jews were arrested in the capital of Nazi-dominated Rumania under the pretext that they aided Jews to escape from the labor camps.

JDC WILL SEND SIX HOSPITAL UNITS TO POLISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA)-- Six 100-bed-base hospitals and 250 fitted doctors' bags will shortly be sent by the Joint Distribution Committee to aid the 2,000,000 Polish refugees in Siberia, of whom 600,000 are Jewish, it was announced today by Dr. J.J. Golub, Executive Director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases, acting as spokesman for the Medical Committee of the JDC.

"The supplies which the JDC is now purchasing for shipment to Siberia, Turkestan and Uzbekistan," Dr. Golub stated, "are being bought out of an initial appropriation of \$100,000 made by the JDC for a medical relief program in behalf of Polish refugees of all faiths there. Recent reports stress the high mortality rate among these people, who were uprooted from their homes in Eastern Poland and find themselves in remote and barren areas of Siberia. Because of the lack of necessary health and medical facilities and sanitary services, they live under most primitive conditions. The most prevalent of epidemic diseases among them is typhus fever, which takes a heavy toll. Scurvy is frequent among children."

Explaining that there are 600 to 800 physicians among the Polish refugees who are well trained in medicine and could supervise sanitary and health programs, Dr. Golub stated: "Unfortunately, the physicians in Siberia find themselves without the tools with which to exercise their professions. With the shipment of 250 fitted doctors' bags, these physicians will be able to do much to alleviate suffering. Each bag will contain essential diagnostic and therapeutic instruments, such as a stethoscope, a blood-pressure apparatus, a clinical thermometer, etc.; bandages and gauze, and a careful selection of drugs and antiseptics for the treatment of injuries."

Each of the six hospital units will contain all of the necessary medical and surgical supplies, laboratory reagents and supplies, diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical instruments, linens, soap, gauze, bandages, adhesive plaster and all drugs and antiseptics needed for a 100-bed hospital. All that will be necessary will be for the refugees to furnish a building with 100 wooden cots and prepare the same number of straw mattresses in order to have a fully-equipped hospital unit when the supplies arrive. The covers for the mattresses will be included in the shipment. "With the material the Joint Distribution Committee is shipping, every form of surgery, major and minor, can be performed," Dr. Golub said. The purchasing of all medical equipment, Dr. Golub stated, is being supervised by a Medical Advisory Committee made up of representatives of the JDC and the American Committee of Oss.

COMMITTEE FOR JEWISH ARMY APPEALS TO CHURCHILL TO FORM JEWISH MILITARY FORCE

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA)-- The presence of Prime Minister Winston Churchill in Washington was made the occasion today for an appeal to him to allow the creation of a Jewish Army in Palestine to fight with the United Nations.

The Committee for a Jewish Army today published an open letter to Mr. Churchill in the form of a three-quarter page advertisement in the New York Times and in other newspapers, citing the precarious position of the Allies in Libya and throughout the Middle East and urging the mobilization of "an army of modern Maccabees, two hundred thousand strong, on the shores of the Suez Canal at the side of the troops of the United Nations now there under British leadership."

"We ask you, sir," the letter states, "to grant the Jews of Palestine and stateless Jews the right to fight - and die, if need be - for democracy under the walls of Jerusalem." The letter is signed by Pierre van Paassen, national chairman of the committee.