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NEW LAW EMPOWERS PALESTINE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CONTROL OVER IMPORTANT ENTERPRISES

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA)-- With Nazi armies reported advancing deeper into Egyptian territory, the Palestine Government today published a decree empowering the Palestine administration to take over control of any enterprise in the country when needed in the interests of public safety, or for the efficient prosecution of the war, or for the maintenance of supplies and services, or for the life of the community.

A joint conference of representatives of the Histadruth, Palestine Labor Federation, the presidency of the Industrial Association, chief rabbis Herzog and Uziel, and members of the rabbinical court, meeting in Tel Aviv today, announced that Palestine Jews may work on Saturdays since the Allied war effort is at stake. The conference stated that "no sacrifice is too great to speed up the war effort for victory, and even the strictest torah regulations regarding the Sabbath may be waived." The conference followed an appeal by the Palestine Government requesting the Rabbinate not to instruct Jews to refrain from working on the Sabbath in order to permit a seven-day working week. Industries engaged in producing war supplies were ordered to operate every day in the week with each employee working at least 64 hours weekly.

At a press conference held in Tel Aviv today, Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, denied the rumors that a considerable number of Jews in the British forces were captured by the Axis armies in Tobruk.

In a statement issued in Jerusalem, Chief Rabbi Herzog declared that there was no danger of the Germans occupying Palestine because "there is no hint anywhere in the Bible concerning a third destruction of the Holy Land." A number of the most prominent Kabbalists in Jerusalem today proclaimed a week of unbroken day-and-night fast with prayers "to save the Holy Land and secure the speediest victory of right and justice over the dark forces of Nazism."

NAZIS KILL 800 JEWS IN CHERNIGOV IN MASS-EXECUTION IN MARKET PLACE

KULIBYSHEV, June 28. (JTA)-- All but one of the 800 Jews who remained in Chernigov, in the Ukraine, after the Nazis occupied the city were herded together in the market place and machine-gunned to death, it was related here today by Abraham Wannikov, the lone survivor.

Wannikov remained in Chernigov when the Germans seized the city, operating with a guerrilla band. He was captured by the Nazis and taken, together with the rest of the Jews in the city, to the market place. Together with another Jew, Saul Feigin, Wannikov succeeded in escaping, but Feigin was shot by pursuing Gestapo men.

NAZIS TIGHTEN UP ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN HOLLAND

STOCKHOLM, June 28. (JTA)-- A general tightening-up of the anti-Jewish laws in Nazi-occupied Holland was indicated today in reports reaching here from Amsterdam.

Jews are now prohibited from travelling except in cases of great emergency, in an order issued yesterday by the Nazi authorities. The Amsterdam Jewish Council, which has been issuing travel permits to Jews in that city, was informed that in the future such permits will be issued only by the occupation authorities, and only in cases of family illness, deaths or funerals. Jews were warned that those apprehended in the streets with the yellow Mogen David pinned to their outer garments instead of sewn on, as the Nazi regulations provide, will be severely punished.

Amsterdam Jews were instructed that they may buy vegetables only from market stalls assigned to Jews. Buying at non-Jewish shops or even telephoning orders to such shops is strictly forbidden. Commenting on the regulation that prohibits Jews from conducting butcher shops, the pro-Nazi newspaper Volk en Vaderland charges that Jews are still selling meat since they are being employed by "Aryan" butchers "for whom the Star of David is good propaganda, increasing their business."

At the same time that the Germans announced that Jews are barred from all public sports such as rowing, swimming, tennis, football and fishing, they ordered all Jews, except those living in Amsterdam, to surrender bicycles and spare parts. Failure to do so will be punished by a fine of 1,000 guilders and six months imprisonment.

Meanwhile, the Joedsche Weeksbliet, organ of the Amsterdam Jewish community, which reached here today, appeals for clothing, shoes and books which it said were urgently needed by Jews confined in labor camps.

JDC MATZOKS HELP TO ALLEVIATE FOOD SHORTAGE FOR POLISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

KUIBYSHEV, June 28. (JTA)-- Transports of matzohs and medicaments sent by the American Joint Distribution Committee for distribution among Polish refugees in Russia reached Murmansk this week, according to advices received here today by the Polish Embassy.

The shipments left the United States in February. Although the matzohs, which were originally intended for Passover, were delayed in transport, they will be of great aid when distributed among the refugees in remote parts of the USSR, where the food shortage is not expected to be alleviated until after the harvest. The matzohs will be distributed chiefly in Bukhara, Samarkand, Chinkent, Komai and Djambul. The medicaments will be distributed in all sections of the country where refugees from Poland are concentrated.

The Polish embassy here today revealed that in the province of Kirgisia, Jews constitute sixty-five percent of the Polish refugees. It stated that the JDC shipments were addressed to the Polish authorities in Russia in accordance with the arrangement reached between the JDC headquarters in New York and the Polish Embassy in Washington. They were carried to Murmansk in a Russian freighter which sailed directly from the United States.

ZOA WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK TOGETHER WITH HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA)-- The 45th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held jointly with that of the Hadassah from October 15 to 19 in New York, it was announced here today by the ZOA headquarters.

The national office of the Zionist Organization of America also made public today the first list of Zionist leaders who are serving as commissioned officers in all branches of the U.S. armed forces. The number of ZOA members serving in the ranks is estimated at several thousand. They will remain in good standing in the organization for the duration.

BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT GIVES GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO INTRODUCE RIGID ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

ZURICH, June 28. (JTA)-- The Government of Bulgaria, the only Axis-dominated country which has not yet introduced the full list of anti-Jewish laws, was given full power by the Bulgarian parliament yesterday to "solve the Jewish problem on a racial basis," it was announced today by the Sofia radio, which has been preparing the people for this measure in daily anti-Semitic broadcasts during the past few weeks.

The resolution was adopted over the bitter opposition of many of the deputies and after a protracted debate that lasted for several days. From statements made during the course of the debate by Interior Minister Petar Grabovski, it is expected that the Jewish problem will be "solved" according to the usual Nazi pattern. Grabovski told the parliament that existing laws for the defense of the nation have certain flaws "which the Jews use to their own ends." He declared that the new legislation was also needed because "Jews worked against the Government's policy as well as against the Axis powers."

RENEWED WAVE OF NAZI TERROR EXPECTED IN POLAND; JEWS DRIVEN OUT OF RZESZOW

ZURICH, June 28. (JTA)-- A renewed wave of terror against Jews and Poles in Nazi-held Poland was predicted here today as the result of a report in the Nazi newspaper Krakauer Zeitung, which arrived here from Cracow, that Hans Frank, Nazi governor for Poland, has held "an important conference" with all security chiefs and heads of local police forces in the occupied territory.

The conference, which took place in Cracow on June 14, was called for the purpose of finding "an immediate solution to many problems of greatest importance." Two days later a conference of all heads of the special Nazi tribunals in Poland was held in Cracow at which Frank instructed the tribunals to show no mercy in their verdicts.

The Krakauer Zeitung also reports that all Jews in Rzeszow, Eastern Galicia, were ordered to leave their homes without taking any of their belongings. They were then driven into a ghetto on the outskirts of the town from where they are sent to forced labor. Their dwellings were occupied by Germans from Hamburg, Stuttgart and Koenigsberg, the Nazi paper states.

MOSCOW PRESS TELLS OF JEWISH HEROISM IN THE DEFENSE OF SEVASTOPOL

MOSCOW, June 28. (JTA)-- The story of Jewish heroism in the besieged city of Sevastopol is told in the Moscow press today citing Israel Gribin, son of a Jewish colonist, as an example of bravery and determination.

When the commander of the detachment in which Gribin was fighting was killed by an enemy gun, the young Jew from the Kalinindorf Jewish settlement in the Crimea took over the command under the enemy's fire and repelled two violent Nazi attacks inflicting heavy losses upon the Germans. Three times Gribin carried out reconnaissance deep in the rear of the enemy bringing valuable information, the Moscow newspapers state.

Major General Jacob Kreiser, who is one of the most beloved heroes in Russia, today asked the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee to add his name to the list of those who have appealed to the Jews in democratic countries to help raise a fund to purchase 1,000 tanks and 500 bombers as a gift from the Jews of the world to the Russian army. Captain Israel Fisanovitch, Jewish submarine commander who is credited with sinking eight Nazi transports and who is famous for his daring raids on Nazi ships in well-protected German harbors, today also asked the committee to add his name to the appeal.

Answers to this appeal have already been received by the committee from the Federation of Synagogues in Sydney, and also from Jewish organizations in the United States, England and Brazil.

CONFERENCE DECIDES TO COORDINATE J. ISH WAR EFFORT ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA)-- A United Jewish War Effort was launched here today at a conference of Jewish groups and fraternal organizations summoned by the American Jewish Congress at the Hotel Commodore for the purpose of bringing about the maximum participation of Jews in the Victory Drive of the United States and in war relief for Britain, Russia and China.

Speakers at the conference pointed out that it is not intended through the United Jewish War Effort, to supersede work already undertaken by other Jewish organizations. "Its purpose is to stimulate, coordinate and centralize the work so that it may be apparent how significant is the contribution of the American Jewish community to the effort to win the war and, following a victory over the Axis, to win the peace," they emphasized.

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OPENS 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA)-- Delegates from hundreds of orthodox congregations in the United States gathered here today at the 44th national convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America being held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel. The meeting, which will run through tomorrow, will discuss the role of the synagogue in fortifying Judaism and in aiding the democracies in the war.

The best means of mobilizing orthodox Jewish youth and women to aid the various war activities will also be considered. The convention is being held in conjunction with the Union's women's branch, the Rabbinical Council of America, the National Union of Orthodox Jewish Youth and the Jewish university clubs. Former district attorney Thomas E. Dewey addressed the convention banquet tonight. City Council President Newbold Morris will greet the delegates at a luncheon tomorrow. Among those who also spoke at tonight's banquet were Frank Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board and Judge Samuel Mellitz of Bridgeport, Conn.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION DISCUSSES INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN WAR EFFORT

ATLANTIC CITY, June 28. (JTA)-- Methods of coordinating the nation-wide war work of the Young Israel were discussed here today at the 30th annual convention of the organization held at the St. Charles Hotel here. A "Victory Program" took place last night at which a roll of honor containing the names of Young Israel members in the armed forces was unfurled. Among the names was that of Major L. Schneider of St. Louis who died in action.

COMMANDER OF CANADIAN OVERSEAS ARM. HAILS CONTRIBUTIONS OF SONS OF IMMIGRANTS

MONTREAL, June 28. (JTA)-- The commander of the Canadian forces in Britain hails the contributions of soldiers whose parents came to Canada as immigrants in a message released here. The message from Lieut. Gen. A.G.L. McNaughten states: "Our Canadian Army is proud to have in its ranks the sons of brave pioneers who came from every part of Europe to settle in Free Canada. They serve in all capacities, and in all grades they make a contribution of great value. All Canadians do honor to those who are pledged to defend with their lives their homeland, Canada, and the principles of freedom and democracy for which we stand."

NO EVACUATION OF "ENEMY ALIENS" FROM EASTERN COASTAL AREA CONTEMPLATED, SAYS GEN. DRUM

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA)-- Definite assurance that no mass-evacuation of persons designated as "enemy aliens" in the Eastern coastal area is contemplated has been given by Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the Eastern Defense Command, in an exchange of letters with Ernest Angell, president of the Council For Democracy, the council headquarters announced today.