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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT GRANTS 900 IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES FOR JEWS UNDER NEW QUOTA

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA)-- The new immigration quota for Palestine for the three-month period ending June 30 was announced in the Official Gazette today. It provides for the admission of 1,600 immigrants specifying that 700 of them must be non-Jews. Certain categories of Jewish immigrants are permitted under the new quota to bring with them their wives and children under 18 years of age.

The major portion of the immigration certificates for Jews under the newly-announced quota will be assigned by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to Jewish refugees from Poland now in Teheran, Persia, en route from Russia. About 150 immigration certificates from the current schedule have already been sent by the Jewish Agency to Teheran. A number of certificates will also be sent to Turkey for Jewish refugees from Greece and Bulgaria stranded there.

Mrs. Moshe Shertek, wife of the head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, is proceeding to Teheran this week to take charge of relief and welfare work for the Jewish refugees from Poland who have been transferred there from Russia on their way to the Near East, it was learned here today. The Jewish relief work for the refugees in Teheran has been conducted hitherto by Raphael Szafar, whom the Jewish Agency, in cooperation with other Jewish institutions, sent to Persia to study the situation of the Jewish refugees from Poland and to arrange for the transportation of as many of them as possible to Palestine.

BESSARABIA COMPLETELY "JUDENREIN" NAZIS BOAST; LAST JEW EXPELLED FROM KISHINEV

ZURICH, June 29. (JTA)-- The expulsion of the last Jews from the Kishinev district in Rumania is reported in the Donau Zeitung, Nazi newspaper for the Balkan countries which reached here today.

The last group of Jews was deported from the Kishinev area on June 13, the Nazi paper informs. The city of Kishinev, which was heavily populated with Jews, as well as the entire province of Bessarabia of which Kishinev was the capital, is now completely "judenrein," the Donau Zeitung boasts.

The entire Jewish population of Kishinev and its district is now isolated from the rest of the world in camps in Transnistria, the section of occupied Ukraine which the Nazis have entrusted to the Rumanian armed forces, the Nazi paper states. Recent reports from Transnistria indicated that mortality caused by starvation is taking a heavy toll among the Jews interned there and that no attempt is made by the Rumanian occupational authorities to check the epidemics raging in the Mohilev and Tiraspol section of Transnistria where at least 100,000 Jews from Rumania have been interned.

6,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS IN TANK TRAP; MILE LONG GRAVE OF MURDERED JEWS REPORTED

LONDON, June 29. (JTA)-- A new method of Nazi mass-slaughter of Jews, by driving them into tank traps and machine-gunning them there, was reported here today at a press conference on the basis of information coming from occupied Poland through underground channels.

More than 6,000 Jews were executed by this method in the town of Cyszew alone, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, reported at the conference. Thousands of Jews were massacred in the town of Wlodzimierz, he stated. They were buried in a collective grave one mile long. More than 300 Jews were executed in Janow, while in the city of Kobryn, near Brest-Litovsk, all Jews were driven out of their homes and the entire Jewish district was set on fire by the Nazis. "Only immediate reprisals can deter Hitler from carrying on his criminal actions," Dr. Schwartzbart said.

An appeal to English newspapermen "to end the conspiracy of silence" which prevails in the general press with regard to Jewish sufferings in Nazi-held territories was made at the press conference by Samuel Silverman, Laborite member of the British Parliament. The Jewish casualties in this war already exceed the casualties of any other nation in Western Europe, he pointed out. One can easily imagine what would happen to the Jews in Palestine in case of a German breakthrough, he said, emphasizing the necessity of arming all Palestine Jews.

It was estimated by speakers at the conference, which was arranged by the World Jewish Congress, that a million Jews have been executed or starved to death by the Nazis in occupied countries since the outbreak of the war. Of these, 700,000 were killed in Poland and Lithuania, 200,000 in the occupied part of Russia and the remainder in other Nazi-held lands.

Nazis Reminded of Churchill's Promise to Retaliate for Jewish Sufferings

LONDON, June 29. (JTA)-- The promise made by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill some time ago that "Jewish sufferings will not be forgotten," coupled with a pledge of retributions by the Allied Nations, was broadcast here last night over the British radio.

Describing the contributions of the Jews to the war effort of the United Nations and the role which the Jews play in the armed forces of these nations, the broadcast dwelt at great length on the massacres of Jews which the Gestapo is now carrying out in the occupied countries of Eastern Europe and warned the Nazis that revenge will be taken for the murdered Jewish civilian population.

A broadcast on the massacres of Jews by the Nazis in Poland and other occupied countries was also delivered here last night by Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz. The broadcast of the Chief Rabbi was directed to countries on the European continent.

The Polish National Council will hold a special session on Thursday to consider the reports of Nazi terror against Poles and Jews in occupied Poland, it was announced today. A joint conference of Jews and Christians in Scotland to deal with the question of Nazi terror against Jews will also be held soon in Glasgow, it was reported in a joint announcement by the Jewish Representative Council and the Edinburgh Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

PLAN PETITION TO ROOSEVELT ON NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA)-- A petition to President Roosevelt describing the Nazi massacres of Jews in occupied Europe and asking him to issue a warning to Germany which would at the same time serve as a message of hope to the millions of Nazi-tortured Jews will be submitted under the signatures of hundreds of thousands of American Jews, it was announced here today by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

A campaign to collect the signatures for this petition will be conducted by the Jewish Labor Committee throughout the country. Special conferences for this purpose will be held in New York and in all large cities. "We believe that the news of this petition will reach the Jews in the ghettos and will add to their courage and to their hopes," Mr. Held stated.

SLOVAKS, FEARING "DAY OF RETALIATION," RISK THEIR LIVES TO HELP PERSECUTED JEWS

BERNE, June 29. (JTA)-- Convinced that "the day of retaliation" for the merciless atrocities against Jews will come "when America will take an active part on the battlefield in Europe," and ashamed of the fact that their Government is uprooting tens of thousands of Jews and deporting them into occupied Eastern territory, hundreds of Slovaks are risking their lives by offering shelter to Slovakian Jews who hide to escape being expelled from Slovakia, it was reliably reported here today.

The report coincided with an announcement made in Bratislava today by the Slovakian Minister Sano Mach, who, speaking over the radio, stated that 45,000 Jews - half of Slovakia's Jewish population - had been deported by the end of May. The remaining 45,000 will be expelled by the end of September, he said. No Jew now holds Slovakian citizenship, he added.

No reports are available concerning the fate of the Jewish deportees who were sent to Eastern Europe jammed into cattle-cars. Nothing is known, likewise, of the fate of thousands of Jewish girls who were seized and sent eastwards to an unknown destination. In most cases entire families have been separated. Even babies have been taken from their mothers.

THREAT TO PALESTINE IS DIRECT AND URGENT, ZIONIST ORGAN SAYS, DEMANDING JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, June 29. (JTA)-- Emphasizing that "the threat to Palestine is direct and urgent," the Zionist Review, official Zionist organ, today carries an article demanding the immediate formation of a Jewish army in Palestine for the purpose of fighting the Nazis "before the eleventh hour is reached."

Simultaneously, the world executive committee of the WIZO, the International Women's Zionist Organization, held an emergency session here today demanding the immediate formation of a Jewish fighting force in Palestine under British command "in view of the situation in Egypt." The session also adopted a resolution requesting that 50,000 Jews in Palestine be "trained and armed as a Home Guard."

CHIEF RABBI OF YUGOSLAVIA REACHES UNITED STATES AFTER ESCAPE FROM NAZIS

MIAMI, Fla., June 29. (JTA)-- Dr. Isaac Alkalai, chief rabbi of Yugoslavia, who escaped from the Nazis shortly before they occupied Belgrade, arrived here for an extended stay in the United States.

PEACE CONFERENCE WILL SOLVE JEWISH PROBLEMS CREATED BY HITLER, SENATOR SAYS

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA)-- The solution of the problems created for the Jews by Hitler will be among the primary considerations at the forthcoming peace conference, Senator James M. Mead told a conference here yesterday, called by the American Jewish Congress, at which the launching of a \$1,000,000 war relief campaign for Britain, Russia, China and other members of the Allied Nations was decided upon.

"Civilization owes a debt to the Jewish people which it must repay in terms of restitution to them of their equal rights and creation of opportunities for them to be completely rehabilitated along the lines of the New World Order," ~~the Senator stated.~~

Tribute to the part the Jews are playing in winning the war was paid by Mayor LaGuardia at the conference. The Mayor called the Jewish population of the city one of its most loyal groups and said it would give a good account of itself in the war effort.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS 42ND CONVENTION DEVOTED TO WAR PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA)-- Several hundred rabbis from all parts of the country gathered here today at the opening session of the 42nd annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Discussions centered around wartime problems of the synagogue and of individual Jews. Messages greeting the delegates were received from President Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary, welcomed the delegates.

American Jews can make a significant contribution to the war effort of the democracies by formulating a code of ethics that follows the Jewish pattern, but which applies more specifically to the complexities of economic and social situations we confront today, Rabbi Leon S. Lang, president of the Assembly, told the delegates.

One of the highpoints of the convention is expected to be the address by Prof. Louis Ginzberg of the Seminary on Wednesday afternoon, when he will discuss the problem confronting Jewish women whose soldier husbands have been reported missing in action, but who have no proof of their death. Orthodox Jewish law prohibits a woman to remarry unless there is proof that her missing husband is dead. The delegates plan to work out a solution of this problem, by attempting to determine the minimum length of time that must elapse before the missing man can be presumed to be dead.

LARGER POST-WAR JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE IS DEMANDED

CHICAGO, June 29. (JTA)-- Whatever final status Palestine is to acquire after a victory by the United Nations, it should be immediately opened after the war as an outlet for Jewish mass-immigration, Professor Salo W. Baron, of Columbia University, said here yesterday in a public lecture in the institute of the Harris Memorial Foundation at the University of Chicago.

"Among the countless millions of Europeans knocking at the gates of more hospitable countries there will be at least two to three million Jews. From the world point of view, even more than from that of local Palestinian developments, the reopening of Palestine as an outlet for Jewish mass-immigration will be an imperative necessity," he stated.

Dr. Baron urged the revocation of the British White Paper of 1939, limiting immigration. If reuniting Palestine and the Trans-Jordan area "at least for immigration purposes" will be feasible, their "artificial separation" should be abolished, he said.