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BULGARIA EMULATES NUREMBERG LAWS; PROCLAIMS NEW ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS

BERNE, July 5. (JTA)-- A law closely resembling the anti-Jewish Nuremberg Laws of Nazi Germany was issued last week in Bulgaria, it is reported in the Donau Zeitung, Nazi paper for the Balkan countries, reaching here today.

The law forbids Jews in Bulgaria to intermarry with non-Jews. It bars them from holding any positions in government, municipal or other public institutions. It requires them to use Jewish names only, and stipulates that no Jew may become dependent upon the community.

The new law orders every Jew in the country to register with the police authorities as a measure of "national protection." It specifies that Jews are no longer permitted to reside in Sofia, the capital of the country, or in any other Bulgarian cities where residence for Jews may be prohibited by local authorities. A limited number of seats for Jewish children in Bulgarian schools is allowed under the law, with the stipulation that the Jewish children are to be ousted "whenever the seats are needed for Bulgarian children."

At the same time, the new decree abolishes the exemptions from anti-Jewish legislation granted to certain categories of Jews who performed outstanding service for Bulgaria during the last war.

MASS-MEETING IN LONDON TODAY WILL REQUEST HOME DEFENSE FOR PALESTINE JEWS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA)-- A mass-meeting to request the British Government to permit the Jews of Palestine to defend their homeland and their families in view of the peril which they face as a result of the military situation in the Near East will be held here tomorrow, arranged by the British Zionist Federation.

A British officer under whose command Jewish units were fighting in the Western Desert emphasized the great value of the work done by these units in a letter received from him today by a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency. Stating that he was greatly impressed with the Jewish achievements in Palestine, the officer writes: "When the time for settlements comes, there will be many in England who, having seen the Jewish work at close hand, will be able the better to express their views."

THREE MORE JEWS SHOT IN PRAGUE BY GERMANS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA)-- Three Jews were among eighty-six Czechs executed by the Nazis in Prague over the week-end, according to a report broadcast by the Vichy radio today. The condemned were charged with sheltering enemy agents, committing hostile acts or helping the killers of Reinhard Heydrich. The property of all was confiscated.

RESULTS OF CAMPAIGNS OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS REPORTED GRATIFYING

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- With more than half of the annual Spring campaigns of Jewish federations and welfare funds completed and the remainder in the final stages, the record shows that many welfare funds achieved gratifying results while a few, mostly larger cities, received setbacks in their first war-time drives, according to information published by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Most of the increases--55 out of 102 campaigns reporting exceeded their 1941 results--occurred in the intermediate and smaller cities. The larger cities, with the exception of Detroit, did not fare so well, although the big city drives are not yet completed, the Council announced.

The 34 communities for which complete campaign figures are available, raised \$2,183,400, an increase of 10.9 per cent over the total of \$1,968,521 for these communities last year. In the big cities, Detroit set the pace, coming through with \$885,000, an increase of \$50,000 over last year. Of these 34 cities, the biggest gains were made in the groups raising under \$10,000 and in those raising between \$25,000 and \$49,999. These two categories realized increases of 24.7 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively.

Reduction in "Big Gifts" Category Is Noticed

The largest increase in the country was made by Newark, which raised \$386,000, about 51 per cent more than the \$255,786 realized last year. The Newark drive is still continuing. Minneapolis ended its campaign with \$183,000, about \$40,000 more than last year. Indianapolis attained \$171,254, a healthy increase over its 1941 figure of \$140,071. Hartford reports \$205,093 against \$164,253 last year. Wilkes-Barre hung up a total of \$74,087, bettering its 1941 figure by approximately \$20,000. Akron, O., which netted \$70,573 in 1941, reports \$90,900 for 1942, with money still coming in. Among other cities which reported substantial gains were Louisville, New Haven, Oklahoma City, Winnipeg, Houston, Lynn, Worcester and Peoria.

A major deterrent to the first war-time campaigns appeared to be the almost uniform reduction in the "big gifts" class. Adversely affected by this factor were Chicago, San Francisco, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Many of the intermediate and smaller communities were able to overcome this handicap by increasing the volume and size of the gifts in the lower categories.

STORY OF THE JEWS IN U.S. WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG MEN IN ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- The role of the Jews in the development of America is described in a new pamphlet published today by the National Jewish Welfare Board and the American Association for Jewish Education in booklet form as the first of a "Jewish Information Series" for distribution among men of Jewish faith in the nation's armed forces.

Entitled "The Story of the Jews in the United States," the pamphlet traces the history of the Jews on this continent from the time of Christopher Columbus, through colonial and revolutionary days, down to the present. It tells the story of such Revolutionary War civilian heroes as Aaron Levy, Joseph Simon and Haym Salomon, and describes the exploits of Commodore Uriah P. Levy and Captain John Ordronaux on the military front.

The booklet records in some detail the part played by the Jews in the Civil War and reveals that four Jews were promoted to the rank of general in the Union Army, while seven were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for distinguished gallantry. Three men in John Brown's band were Jewish, according to the pamphlet.

JEWS IN NAZI-HELD PARTS OF RUSSIA ORDERED TO SURRENDER CASH AND ARTICLES OF VALUE

STOCKHOLM, July 5. (JTA)--Jews in Nazi-occupied Russia and in the Baltic countries last week were ordered by the occupational authorities to surrender within three days all their cash, their valuables and all articles of gold and silver in their possession," the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reports today.

The Revaler Zeitung, a newspaper published by the Nazis in occupied Estonia, reached here today with the news that in addition to depriving the Jews of all their valuable movable property, the Nazi authorities have published an order announcing that all other Jewish property in the occupied Russian and Baltic territories is considered automatically appropriated as of June 22, 1941, the date when the Nazi armies started their march on Russia.

"Any Jewish property which has since that date been transferred to non-Jews is similarly considered as Jewish and is to be confiscated unless it is proven that the transfer was made for reasonable consideration," the Nazi order says. The order is signed by Nazi Commissar Liebsmann.

The Swedish newspaper Tidningen reports today that Nazi commissar Schmidt, in a speech delivered yesterday in Breda, Holland, said: "Jews will return to the place from where they came as poor as they arrived. Those who sympathize with them will be treated alike. Wherever Germans go, the Jewish question will be solved in this manner." The Tidningen also reports that the Nazi authorities in Holland have introduced a curfew for Jews there "in the interest of public safety." No Jew in Holland is permitted to leave his home between 8 o'clock in the evening and 6 in the morning under the new regulations.

LAVAL AND HIS ASSOCIATES PERSONALLY BENEFITTING FROM "ARYANIZATION" OF JEWISH ENTERPRISES

LONDON, July 5. (JTA)-- Vichy Premier Pierre Laval and his Ambassador to Paris, Ferdinand de Brinon, are personally deriving substantial profit from the liquidation of Jewish businesses in France, the Lisbon correspondent of the French London daily, France, charges today.

His report declares that Laval designated Louis Darquier de Pellepoix as Commissar for Jewish Affairs because he is on such good personal terms with the present ruling hierarchy at Vichy that they can quietly settle among themselves their private gains from the transactions carried out under his control. Similar charges were made here this week against Paul Marion, State Secretary for Information, and M. Leroi-Ladurie, brother of the Minister for Agriculture, both of whom are directly connected with the former Jewish banking house of Worms, which is now prospering.

Meanwhile, the Vichy radio today broadcast a decree handing over control of sixty more Jewish-owned enterprises to non-Jewish administrators. In a move to speed up the "aryanization" process, the Laval Government also announced that financial advances will be made "to assist regional direction of the economic aryanization" of six cities in the unoccupied section of the country.

A Free French broadcast from here today warned Jews and other French patriots against accepting anonymously-sent packages which arrive by post or otherwise. The Gestapo and the Vichy secret police send parcels containing arms to persons they wish to compromise, and then swoop down upon the victims when the parcels have been opened and arrest them on charges of illegal possession of arms, the Free French broadcaster revealed.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD ANNOUNCES FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- All public employment offices of the United States Employment Service in New York State were instructed yesterday by the office of the regional director of the Social Security Board, not to make placements for any employer who "refuses to employ otherwise qualified applicants solely because of race, color, creed, national origin or descent."

In a memorandum sent to all administrative employees, as part of a campaign against racial and religious discrimination in the filling of jobs, the office of the S.S.B. said it would be the official policy of the agency to "stimulate the fullest utilization of the labor supply" by encouraging employers to eliminate from their job orders any specifications not associated with ability to perform the job.

If employers insist in discriminatory specifications, the memorandum said, a report on that fact will be made to the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. Service will be withheld entirely by the Employment Service from employers making discriminatory specifications, unless such a request is specifically made by the Army or Navy, it warned.

AMERICAN JNF CABLES \$100,000 TO PALESTINE FOR NEW LAND ACQUISITION

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- The sum of \$100,000 was cabled by the Jewish National Fund of America today to the Jewish National Fund headquarters in Jerusalem, together with a message expressing the admiration of American Jews for the courage which the Jews in Palestine are displaying in face of the danger which confronts them.

Signed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American JNF, the message read: "We wish to convey in behalf of the Jewish National Fund of America our admiration for your fortitude in face of peril and your determination to mobilize maximum resources to resist the enemy. We endeavor to prove worthy of your high example by doing what we can to strengthen your hands. Your faith in the future of Palestine and the victory of the United Nations is undimmed. We dedicate ourselves to redeem more land for more people."

JEWISH FRATERNAL ORDER WILL RAISE FUND OF \$40,000 FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- The sum of \$40,000 will be raised for the American Red Cross by the Workmen's Circle, Jewish fraternal order with a national membership of 72,000, according to an announcement made here today by Joseph Baskin, general secretary.

Mr. Baskin also announced that 750 branches of the order raised \$60,000 during the year for relief work, mainly in Russia. The branches have already bought War Bonds totalling \$400,000, he stated.

POST-WAR STATUS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN EUROPE SURVEYED BY JEWISH INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA)-- A review of the national minorities problem before Hitler and a summary of views expressed on the solution of this problem after the downfall of Hitlerism was published today by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of which Dr. Jacob Robinson is director.

Bearing the title "Minorities After This War" the 24-page publication aims at presenting a cross-section of official declarations and recent literature on the post-war status of minorities in Europe against the historical, political and treaty background of the problem since the last war, and in the light of the unprecedented developments during the present conflict.