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NO DIRECT DANGER FOR PALESTINE, SHERTOK SAYS; ARABS URGED TO LAUNCH POGROMS ON JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA)-- The opinion that the present military situation in Egypt does not constitute any direct danger for Palestine was expressed here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing a gathering arranged by the Association of Jewish Journalists. Shertok based his opinion on the fact that "increased British reinforcements will halt the enemy."

At the same time, however, the executive members of the Jewish Agency and of the Jewish National Council of Palestine held a joint meeting at which they discussed the present military developments as well as a program of action for the Jews in Palestine in all eventualities. A committee was elected at the meeting to issue a new appeal to the Jews in Palestine for increased enlistment and also instructions for the Yishuv for any emergency that may arise. A session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee will be held tomorrow to consider the same problems.

The Kantara railway station, which connects the Palestine railway line with Egypt and which is a part of the Palestine-Egyptian border, was bombed last night by enemy planes. Enemy fliers also appeared over Haifa, but dropped no bombs. An air raid alarm was sounded today in Tel Aviv but no enemy planes were seen.

Marked Increase in Jewish Volunteers at Recruiting Stations

There is a marked increase in the number of Jewish volunteers at the recruiting offices all over Palestine. The central committee of the Revisionists organization, after a special meeting in Tel Aviv today, proclaimed compulsory recruitment for all members of the Revisionist Party who are of military age.

The Axis radio broadcast, "Voice of Free Arabs," which is supervised by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, today urged the Arabs in Egypt and Palestine to launch pogroms against the Jews and to take away their property. The broadcaster stated: "Take your revenge on them. Break them before they break you. Kill them. Set their houses on fire. Close their stores."

While declaring that no direct danger threatens Palestine, Shertok in his address pointed out that "there is good reason to believe that the whole Allied strength will be massed for the defense of this sector." A German victory in this part of the world does not mean complete defeat of England but would mean the destruction of Israel's hopes and strenuous efforts of three pioneer Zionist generations, Shertok stated.

The office of the Jewish Agency today received a cable from the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand expressing the hope that Palestine Jews will be allowed to defend their homeland. "For the Jewish people, Palestine is not merely a strategic point among many, but the pivotal point of Jewish hopes and aspirations," the message said. "500,000 Jews will defend Palestine as the English defended Britain in its supreme hour of trial."

JEWISH LEADERS AND POLISH DIPLOMATS DISCUSS ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN RELIEF WORK

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA)-- The continual complaints of discrimination by Polish relief officials in Russia against Polish Jews in the distribution of relief there led to a conference here today between the Polish Consuls in Palestine and Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum and Dr. Emil Schmorak, members of the executive of the Jewish Agency, who represent the interests of Polish Jewry.

As a result of this conference, it is understood that the Polish Government-in-Exile has made the following promises: 1. Many restrictions against Polish Jews in Russia who are entitled to relief will be withdrawn; 2. Jewish representatives will be appointed to the Polish refugee committees functioning in Russia; 3. No discrimination will be practiced against Polish Jews enlisting in the Polish armed forces in Russia.

Arab newspapers here today report that 70,000 Palestine-made phials of anti-typhus vaccine have been sent to Polish refugees in Russia through the Polish Red Cross which has an office in Tel Aviv.

RUSSIAN NAVAL COMMANDER ASKS FOR "JEWISH" SUBMARINE TO FIGHT NAZIS

KUIBYSHEV, July 6. (JTA)-- An appeal to the Jews of the world to donate a special "Jewish" submarine to the Russian Fleet, in addition to the 1,000 tanks and the 500 airplanes that they have been asked to give to the Red Army, was made today by submarine commander Israel Fisanowitch, who is credited with sinking eight Nazi transports in northern waters.

"I would be very happy if the Jews of the world, in addition to tanks and planes, would contribute a submarine," Commander Fisanowitch, grandson of a "melamed" stated. "As a member of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, I would consider it an honor to take such a submarine into the ocean and sink some German ships with it."

Fisanowitch and his submarine "Melutka," struck terror into the hearts of the German naval commanders plying the Baltic Sea. Despite attacks by ships' cannon and aerial bombardment, Fisanowitch succeeded in penetrating the German defenses and sinking Nazi ships off German seaports. He has twice been decorated by the Russian Government and is a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Jews in Nazi-held Yugoslavia live like Maranos, Chief Rabbi Alcalay reports

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA)-- The Jews in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia today live like the Maranos in the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Dr. Isaac Alcalay, chief rabbi of Yugoslavia, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, describing life under the Nazis.

Dr. Alcalay reached the United States last week by way of Egypt, Palestine, proceeding around Africa and up the coast of South America by plane. "Although no synagogues or Jewish institutions were hit during the Nazi air attack on Belgrade, Dr. Alcalay said, "the Jewish community had prepared itself for the worst. We buried the Scrolls of the Law weeks before the bombs fell. All valuable Jewish records were transferred from the centers of Belgrade, Zagreb, and Sarajevo into the provinces in order to keep them from falling into the hands of the invaders."

"The advent of the Nazis," Dr. Alcalay continued, "caught up with us in the province, whither many Jewish families had escaped. But with the enemy combing the countryside, most of them took to the hills and caves. Many Jews, among them prominent public welfare benefactors, were trapped by the Nazis and shot as hostages. Before many months passed, there was hardly a Jew to be seen in the cities. The civilian population of Yugoslavia, in the face of Nazi brutality, helped Jews to vanish into the rural districts, where the sound of goose-stepping was less loud and less frequent."

EXPULSION OF ALL JEWS FROM HOLLAND PREDICTED BY GOERING'S PAPER

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (JTA)-- The "complete evacuation" of all Jews from Holland to Nazi-occupied Eastern territories is predicted in the Essener Zeitung, Goering's organ, reaching here today from Germany.

The new anti-Jewish regulations proclaimed last week in Holland are a prelude to the transfer of all Dutch Jews to the East, the paper writes. It informs that in addition to other restrictions imposed upon the Jews of Holland, they are no longer permitted to do any street trading, except collecting rags. They are also forbidden under the new regulations to practice as doctors, accountants, auctioneers, marriage-brokers, teachers, guides, barbers, gymnastic instructors, pawnbrokers and economic or financial advisers. Certain exceptions may be made under special circumstances, the Essener Zeitung adds.

EPIDEMICS CONTINUE TO RAGE IN WARSAW GHETTO, NAZI PRESS REPORTS

BERNE, July 6. (JTA)-- The extent to which epidemics continue to rage in the Warsaw ghetto is reflected in the German newspapers reaching here today, which carry articles expressing sympathy with the Nazi officials who must come into contact with the Jews in the ghetto.

The Nazi papers report that commodities transported from the Warsaw ghetto, as well as workers and officials who come into contact with the ghetto, must undergo a thorough disinfection. Jewish workers accompanying the commodities on freight trains are not permitted to mingle with other Jews.

Under no circumstances are Jews permitted to enter any buildings in Warsaw reserved for German officials. The section of Warsaw assigned to Germans is completely isolated even from the Polish section of the city, in order to prevent the spread of epidemic diseases. The commodities which Jews in the ghetto are producing consist mainly of clothing, underwear and shoes which the Nazis transport to the army on the Russian front.

In Cracow, the Nazi newspapers report, the number of Jews is constantly decreasing. The local authorities are determined to make the city "judenrein" and are deporting from the ghetto even those 10,000 Jews who have been permitted to remain there, under previous orders.

Polish Doctor Brings Eye-Witness Story of Jewish Deaths in Ghetto

LONDON, July 6. (JTA)-- A horrible eye-witness account of how Jews in the Warsaw ghetto are dying in the street of starvation was brought here by a Polish doctor who succeeded in escaping from Nazi-occupied Poland to England.

Published in today's News Chronicle, one of London's leading newspapers, the story reveals that death from hunger has become a common occurrence among the Jews in the ghetto. "I saw with my own eyes nine Jews lying against the wall of a corner-house at Franciszkanska and Malewki streets in the last throes of death from starvation," the escaped doctor related. "At first, when a man or a woman fell on the pavements of the Warsaw ghetto from hunger, people tried to do something to help the victim, but now there are so many Jewish deaths on the street that people avert their eyes and pass by.

"Around those nine dying Jews," the doctor continued, "a group of emaciated children were hovering, waiting for the victims to die so that they could strip the bodies of their clothes, especially the shoes." The refugee doctor added that despite growing starvation among the Jews, their faith in the eventual victory of the Allied Nations is now stronger than a year ago. "Jews and Gentiles are now united in Poland as never before," he asserts.

YOUNG BRUTAL NAZI APPOINTED DICTATOR OVER ALL JEWS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA)-- A young Nazi named Doncher has been appointed overlord in charge of the Jews in occupied France, according to a report released here today by the Free French.

"Even generals grovel in front of him," the report says. "Doncher personally and arbitrarily decides on arrests, imprisonments, discharges from hospitals. His record contains a frightful number of brutalities and incredible baseness that unfortunately cannot be revealed without endangering his victims."

The report also reveals how some of the Jewish internees at Compiègne were taken in chains to Paris. "Among the internees was Pierre Masse, one of the most prominent French lawyers and a former member of the Chamber of Deputies," the report states. "The unfortunate prisoners got off at the Gare du Nord station, chained together in twos. There was just enough room between them so that they could carry their luggage. As it was nearly 8 P.M., the Jewish families who were waiting for them had been sent home by the police. As for the prisoners, they were neither released nor sent to the hospital in view of their ailing health. Instead they were sent on to the concentration camp in Drancy."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM REICH MAY BUY, HOLD AND SELL REAL PROPERTY IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, N.Y., July 6. (JTA)-- Jewish refugees from Germany may purchase, hold and sell real property in New York State, according to official information given here by Attorney General Bennett to Gabriel Davidson, managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society, located in New York City.

"In respect of refugees from Germany," the Attorney General wrote, "the . . . conclusion is subject to one contingency--the title, while in the refugee, may be subject to divestment by the State itself as sovereign. Only the State itself could question such title even if such refugees be regarded as 'alien enemies'. That eventuality, I feel, is highly improbable and, so far as these refugees are concerned, so remote that it should provide no difficulty. There is further consideration of no little weight which operates in favor of these refugees from Germany. An enemy alien is 'a person who owes allegiance to an enemy nationality.'

"There would appear to be no sound reason why New York courts would not recognize that these refugees have lost their citizenship in enemy countries. The Federal statute furnishes no definition of 'enemy aliens.' It deals with a matter of war-time regulation. Title to real property is governed by the law of the State."

RABBIS GATHER AT JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF JUDAISM

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA)-- The first Institute of the Commission on the Future of Judaism opened today at the Jewish Theological Seminary here with 100 rabbis in attendance. It will continue through July 17.

The work of the institute will be divided into four categories with the rabbis participating in one of four sub-committees devoted to studying problems of the social structure of Judaism, cultural activities, religion and morals. Leaders of the various committees will be Prof. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary; Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, dean of the Seminary's Teachers Institute and Rabbi Solomon Goldman, former president of the Zionist Organization of America.