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JEWISH PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY NAZIS VALUED AT TWO BILLION DOLLARS

BERNE, July 7. (JTA)-- At least \$2,000,000,000 worth of Jewish property has been confiscated by the Nazis in occupied Europe, it was estimated here today by economic experts who are studying details of Nazi exploitation of occupied countries.

Jewish properties confiscated in Czechoslovakia alone are valued at \$500,000,000, it was pointed out. The most lucrative measure of confiscation of private property applied in most of the conquered countries has been the seizure of Jewish industrial enterprises, including those in which even a relatively small part of the capital was held by Jews, the experts explained.

"By this process of 'aryanization' countless valuable businesses passed into German hands, either without compensation or with the payment of a ridiculously small amount after a summary 'evaluation' by a German official," one of the economic experts stated.

News from Germany received here during the last few days indicate that the Nazis have completed plans to transfer to occupied Soviet territory not only the entire Jewish population of Holland, but also of Belgium and other occupied Western territories. The expulsion of all the 150,000 Jews from Holland, which the Nazis expect to carry out in the very near future, is expected to yield additional millions of dollars worth of Jewish property which the Jews will be forced to leave behind when transported to Nazi-held eastern areas.

Slave Labor Legalized By Nazified Dutch Court

While never bothering to establish the legality of the mass-deportation of Jews from conquered countries in Eastern and Central Europe, the Nazi Government, acting more cautiously in occupied Western countries, today obtained a ruling in the Hague Economic Court which legalizes not only the deportation of Jews but also sending any Dutch citizen for forced labor into any part of the Reich. The ruling, issued under the Roman Law, is expected here to have far-reaching consequences not only for Jews but also for the non-Jewish population of Holland, Belgium, Norway and France from where the Nazis are trying to secure slave labor.

The verdict legalizing deportations of citizens from Nazi-conquered countries was issued by the Nazified Dutch jurists at The Hague when five Dutch workers came up for trial on the charge that they disobeyed a summons to report for a physical examination aimed at establishing their fitness for work in Germany. The five pleaded that they are profitably employed in Holland and do not want to go to Germany. The court, however, sentenced them to two months' imprisonment each on the basis that "Germany is fighting Bolshevism and it is therefore the duty of every Dutchman to work in any part of the Reich in order to replace those fighting on the front."

ROOSEVELT IS ASKED TO ISSUE DECLARATION CONDEMNING NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA)-- A petition to President Roosevelt drawing his attention to the fact that a million Jewish civilians have been annihilated by the Nazis in occupied territories and asking him "to raise the voice of America and its allies for the protection of the most defenseless nation in Europe" was telegraphed from here today by the Jewish Labor Committee following a conference in New York last night arranged by Jewish labor organizations to protest against the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe.

"We ask you, Mr. President, to issue a declaration, in solidarity with the heads of the other governments of the United Nations, in which expression shall be given that civilized humanity is determined to demand an account from the leaders of the German people as well as from the people of Germany, for all the brutalities committed against the Jewish civil population in Europe," the petition stated. President Roosevelt was also informed that two million American Jews and non-Jews will be signatories to this petition.

MOSCOW JEWISH COMMUNITY CABLES TO LONDON FOR RELIGIOUS REQUISITES FOR RABBIS

LONDON, July 7. (JTA)-- Assurance that proper care is being taken of rabbis as well as yeshivah students from Poland stranded in Russia is given in a cable received here today by the headquarters of the Agudas Israel Organization from the president of the Moscow Jewish Community.

The cable emphasizes that religious requisites are urgently needed by orthodox Jews in Russia. The Agudas Israel last month instructed its offices in Palestine to send to Russia a transport of such requisites, including tallithim, phylacteries and prayer books.

JEWS IN BERLIN FORBIDDEN TO STROLL IN STREET; MUST NOT LINGER BEFORE SHOP WINDOWS

STOCKHOLM, July 7. (JTA)-- New regulations designed to further harrass Berlin Jews are reported today in the Swedish press. The latest anti-Jewish measures prohibit Jews to leisurely stroll along streets, bars them from stopping to speak to other Jews they may meet or pausing to look into shop windows. They are forbidden to carry canes and may not walk more than two abreast. All Jews in the streets must proceed at a rapid pace indicating that they are on a definite errand.

Special police squads have been assigned to enforcing the new restrictions, and to see to it that the Jews walk rapidly. These police even stop crippled Jews walking with the aid of canes and crutches, and force them to prove that they are truly lame and not merely pretending in order to circumvent the new orders.

POLISH VICE-PREMIER REPORTS ON NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS, POLES

LONDON, July 7. (JTA)-- A detailed account of Nazi atrocities committed upon Jews and Poles in occupied Poland was given the Polish National Council here today by Vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk.

Mikolajczyk stressed particularly the sufferings inflicted upon the Polish Jews. His report was followed by a general discussion by all the deputies which is expected to continue for several days. Most of the members of the Council were deeply impressed by the horrors recounted by the Vice-Premier.

ALGERIAN JEW BANISHED TO DESERT ON CHARGE OF VIOLATING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

ZURICH, July 7. (JTA)-- The first Algerian Jew to be sentenced for violation of Vichy's anti-Jewish laws, which are in effect in the colony, has been banished to the Southern Algerian Desert, it is reported in the Le Petit Marocain, reaching here today.

The Jew, Alfred Douleb was charged with obstructing "aryanization" of his house and property. His banishment is for an indefinite period.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REMAINS OPPOSED TO JEWISH ARMY PLAN; WAR SECRETARY MAY SEE DELEGATION

LONDON, July 7. (JTA)-- Sir James Grigg, British Secretary of War, announced in Parliament today that he may receive a delegation to discuss the demand for a Jewish Army in the Near East, but indicated that the British Government remains opposed to the creation of such an army.

"For reasons already given, His Majesty's Government did not find it practicable to form a Jewish Army," he said. "In the last few days the Colonial Secretary telegraphed to the High Commissioner of Palestine urging him to accelerate the arming and training of police formations there as well as the extension of the part-time police units."

Sir James made this statement in reply to queries by members of the Parliament as to why a Jewish Army is not being formed by the British military authorities in the Near East to participate in the battle to check the Nazi offense in Egypt. The members also wanted to know why Jews are not permitted to organize into a Home Guard in Palestine along the same lines as this has been done in England.

Declaring that more than 10,000 Palestine Jews are now serving in formations which perform functions analogous to the Home Guard in Britain, the Secretary of War added that he is certain that there is no truth in the reports that Palestine Jews who are willing to serve are not being accepted. "Already a large number of Jews are serving," he said.

Zionist circles here interpreted the statements of the Secretary of War as a reaffirmation of the Government's categorical refusal to permit the establishment of a Jewish Army in Palestine. At the same time, they expressed the opinion that his replies to the members of the Parliament indicate the possibility of granting a distinguishing badge to Palestine Jews serving with the British Forces.

A group of M.P.s today published an open letter in the London Times demanding the immediate formation of a Jewish Army in Palestine for the defense of the country. They also demand that the Palestine settlement police be expanded into a properly trained and equipped Home Guard of at least 50,000 men. "If the Axis gets even a temporary hold on Palestine, it will spell annihilation for the Jews. May the day never come when it can be said that we, unable to defend the Holy Land, have withheld from the Jews their means of doing so," the letter says.

JEWS IN PALESTINE WARNED AGAINST EXAGGERATED OPTIMISM AND PESSIMISM

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA)-- Jews in Palestine were warned today against both "exaggerated optimism and pessimism" in articles published by the entire Hebrew press. Expressing satisfaction over the fact that the Nazi army has been forced to retreat on the Egyptian front, the Hebrew newspapers call upon Palestine Jewry to do their utmost for the war effort and to do it immediately.

The Arab-language broadcast from Italy directed to the Arabs in Palestine, Syria, Egypt and Iraq today announced the formation by the Axis powers of an Arab Legion which, according to the Axis broadcast, will be sent to the Near Eastern front "to fight side by side with the German and Italian troops in North Africa."

NAZIS MOBILIZE JEWS FOR SERVICE AT FRONT, CAPTURED GERMAN SOLDIERS REPORT

CAIRO, July 7. (JTA)-- The Nazis have begun calling up Jews for service with the armed forces, according to testimony given by German war prisoners captured on the El Alamein front.

Two prisoners, giving their ages as 30 and 31, said they had been conscripted only last January. Asked by British officers why they had been mobilized so late, one of them said: "We are Jews. Germany has begun the conscription of Jews only recently."

KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA RECEIVES DELEGATION OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA)-- A delegation of American Zionists called on King Peter of Yugoslavia in his suite in the Waldorf-Astoria today to express appreciation of the monarch's interest in the development of Palestine, which the King had visited prior to his coming to the United States.

The delegation consisted of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs; Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. David de Sola Pool, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America; and Mrs. Albert P. Schoolman, chairman of the Hadassah Palestine Committee.

Expressing his pleasure at meeting American leaders of the Zionist movement which "has made the Holy Land flow again with milk and honey," the King remarked that the colonization and general upbuilding of Palestine, which he had viewed with "great interest" were a "remarkable example of what a free, enterprising people can accomplish if given the opportunity."

"I was particularly impressed," King Peter said, "with the modern, large-scale colonization work on land which had long been neglected and which had been thought to be uncultivable. It was heartening to see in these days of destruction the fine spirit and the hard work, willingly and eagerly performed, by young men and women whose purpose is to build and not break down. The Jews of Palestine, who are today fighting in British units in Egypt and in the RAF over many areas are brothers-in-arms of the Yugoslav patriots who are harassing and killing the foe on Yugoslav soil."

ALEPH ZADEK ALEPH WAR SERVICE CONVENTION PLEDGES ALL-OUT AID ON HOME FRONT

CHICAGO, July 7. (JTA)-- Mobilization of B'nai B'rith student youth for all-out participation in the various civilian defense activities was the key-note struck at the War Service Convention of Aleph Zadek Aleph, which concluded here this week, re-electing William V. Suckle as president.

The 175 delegates promised to purchase \$750,000 worth of war bonds and stamps; voted unlimited aid to the Red Cross blood bank units, to which 1,400 AZA members have already donated blood, and pledged all aid to the national salvage drive, the Office of Civilian Defense and the Red Cross fund-raising efforts and first aid classes. Other actions taken by the convention and the Supreme Advisory Council included approval of the planned national youth conference to be convened by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to further inter-faith amity among young America; ratification of the merger of the AZA and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization program in Chicago; and approval of a program for expanding AZA efforts in furthering Boy Scouting.

Julius Bisno, Executive Director of AZA, reported a national active membership of over 15,000 organized in 489 chapters in 279 communities. More than 1,000,000 pounds of scrap metal and old automobile license plates have been collected by AZA salvage units, he said. Of the 24,100 active members and alumni, 2,500 are in the armed forces of the United States and Canada, he pointed out. Among those too young for active service, 10,250 are enrolled in voluntary civilian defense jobs, he added. Bisno also reported that AZA members had collected 250,000 books for the national victory book drive and that funds contributed by AZA boys are now caring for 32 British children under the age of five in a Red Cross nursery in England.

The dramatic highlight of the convention was the memorial service for the seven members of AZA who have died in the active armed forces of the United Nations. The memorial address was given by Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith president.