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VICHY SEIZES JEWISH PROPERTY IN FRENCH COLONIES; GESTAPO ISSUES DRASTIC ORDER IN PARIS

LISBON, July 15. (JTA)-- The French Government in Vichy today issued a drastic order which provides that all Jewish property and business enterprises in the French colonies, including leases and rights, are to be placed under the management of French officials.

The order would automatically introduce anti-Jewish economic restrictions in the Western Hemisphere, should it be also applied to Jewish possessions in Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana which are under the administration of the Vichy Government.

The order came following drastic anti-Jewish regulations issued yesterday by the Gestapo in Paris prohibiting Jews in occupied France to visit any public establishments or to attend any gatherings whether indoor or outdoors. Signed by the chief of the Gestapo in occupied France, the new regulations specify that Jews are no longer allowed to enter any restaurants, cafes, bars, theatres, moving picture houses, music halls and any places of recreation. They are forbidden to attend concerts, to visit museums, to use public telephone booths, to enter libraries, to appear on market places, to bathe in public pools, to visit art galleries or any kind of exposition, or even to stop before a monument on the street.

The Gestapo regulations also bar Jews from participating in sporting activities, betting on horse races, using camping grounds for hikers, or attending any sporting event. Since Jews must wear a yellow Mogen David, it will be easy for the Gestapo to check upon violation of these regulations which practically prohibit the Jews from coming into contact with Frenchmen, except in private homes.

Reports received here today state that French students demonstrated in several places in Paris yesterday against the new anti-Jewish regulations. The fact that the decrees were issued by the Gestapo and not by the Nazi military authorities is interpreted here to mean that even more severe measures against Jews are to be expected in occupied France.

German reports reaching here today from Paris estimate that approximately 55,000 Jews are at present interned in camps in both parts of France. Of them, 25,000 are interned in Nazi-occupied France and 10,000 in the unoccupied zone.

ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES ESTABLISH INSTITUTES TO STUDY JEWISH QUESTION

LONDON, July 15. (JTA)-- The universities of Florence and Trieste have established special institutes to "study the Jewish question," it was announced today over the Paris radio.

The "institutes" will exchange information with similar "institutes" in Germany, the announcement said. Students will also be sent from the two Italian universities to Germany to collect material there on Jewish history and sociology as compiled by the Nazi institutions which specialize in "scientific anti-Semitism."

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TASK OF "SOLVING THE JEWISH PROBLEM" IN HOLLAND ENTRUSTED TO NAZI ELITE GUARD

STOCKHOLM, July 15. (JTA)-- The task of "solving the Jewish Problem" in Holland by having the Jews deported in groups from the country has been entrusted to the S.S., the Nazi Elite Guard, it was announced today over the Hilversum radio.

"In Holland it was against the law to insult any definite group of the population," the broadcaster said. "This law made the fight for the liberation of the Teutonic man almost impossible. All the obstacles we found in our path when we were marching towards the natural way of living were of Jewish origin. It is the task of the S.S. to solve the Jewish question," the broadcast concluded. "That this task is being accomplished successfully is proved by the latest developments."

PALESTINE JEWS WILL STAND FIRM IN FACE OF DANGER, JEWISH WRITERS CONFERENCE PROCLAIMS

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA)-- "The Yishuv will face danger proudly and will stand firm in defense of the country and its national honor," the 200 Palestine Jewish writers who have been meeting here at a special conference to stimulate the war effort proclaimed today at the conclusion of their sessions.

The proclamation offered "warm brotherly consolation and encouragement" to Jews everywhere, and bid them not to despair for "the day is not far when the clouds hanging over the globe will be dispersed and the light will shine also for you. We are sure that your sacrifices are not in vain. Your blood will be avenged. Your spilt blood, tears and sufferings will be converted into new strength and in a new world you will see the road to Zion. There can be no greater consolation and reward for the Jewish people than a free, natural, national life."

NEW REGULATIONS EASE RESTRICTIONS ON ALIEN TRAVEL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA)-- An easing of the rules governing travel by enemy aliens living in the Southern Federal District of New York was announced yesterday by United States Attorney Mathias F. Correa. Effective today, they apply to persons living in the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester and Bronx.

"Under the new rules the forms must be obtained by mail," Mr. Correa's announcement read. "Any alien who wishes to travel may send in a request for these forms accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope nine by four inches in size to Room 128, United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City, and the forms will be mailed to him. The alien must then fill out the forms in triplicate before presenting them for approval. He will then present them in person at least one week in advance of his intended departure. In other respects the old regulations have not been amended."

TYPHUS REPORTED AMONG JEWS IN BULGARIA; DEPORTEES RECEIVE NO MEDICAL AID

ZURICH, July 15. (JTA)-- Typhus is reported here to be raging among Jews in Bulgaria as a result of the mass-evacuation of the Jewish population from the large Bulgarian cities to isolated villages.

The Bulgarian authorities, fearing the spread of the epidemic to the cities, has ordered the entire population in Sofia and in other large towns to undergo special inoculation. They have also been instructed to drink only boiled water and to wash fruit and vegetables before eating them.

Information reaching here from the Balkan countries states that the Jews expelled from the large Bulgarian cities are living in the villages under the most unsanitary conditions, without any medical aid.

ORDER PROHIBITING JEWS TO BEAR "NORWEGIAN-SOUNDING" NAMES PUT INTO EFFECT IN NORWAY

STOCKHOLM, July 15. (JTA)-- Abraham Sturlason, a Norwegian Jew, has been forced to change his name to Abraham Ebenezersen, under the law recently promulgated by the Quisling Government, which prohibits Jews from bearing Norwegian-sounding surnames. Sturlason is the first victim of the new decree, the Dagens Nyheter reports today.

Meanwhile, the local organizations of the Hird, the Quisling storm-troops, have been instructed to make certain that every Jew, half-Jew and quarter-Jew throughout the country is registered so that their names can be checked and changed in cases where the Racial Department deems them to be too "Norwegian-sounding."

SHARP DEBATE IN COMMONS OVER ADMITTING PRO-AXIS ARABS INTO PALESTINE

LONDON, July 15. (JTA)-- A demand by Major Victor Cazalet, Conservative, for further information concerning the admission of alleged anti-British Arabs, now in Iraq and Iran, into Palestine, precipitated an acrimonious debate in the House of Commons today.

Under-Secretary for Colonies Harold MacMillan, evading Major Cazalet's query, stated that he would ask the High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Harold MacMichael, to report if particulars had been submitted concerning the admission of such Arabs. The Earl of Winterton, Conservative, who is known for his pro-Arab sympathies, interrupted the debate to charge that Commons was biased against the Arabs. He urged the Under-Secretary to state that Arabs were free to return to Palestine unless they had been previously barred on the grounds of sedition. MacMillan acceded to Winterton's request.

Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative, then asked MacMillan, "Where is the Grand Mufti?" Several members of the House shouted in reply, "Still in Berlin."

Replying to Dan Frankel, Laborite, who expressed the fear that recently announced restrictions on use of Palestine surface waters will hinder expansion of agricultural production, the Under-Secretary stated that Colonial Minister Lord Cranborne had communicated with the High Commissioner concerning postponement of these restrictions.

PALESTINE HAS INCREASED WAR PRODUCTION BY FIFTY PERCENT SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA)-- Production in Palestine of essential articles needed for the British war effort has increased fifty percent since the outbreak of hostilities, Sir Douglas Harris, chairman of the Palestine War Supply Board, declared at a press conference here today.

At the conference, which was called to discuss the appointment of Eric Mills, chief of the Palestine Government's immigration department, as controller of manpower in the country, Sir Douglas announced that the Middle East supply center has agreed to additional quotas of raw materials for use by Palestine war industries. Nearly 50,000 persons are employed in 1,999 factories engaged in war production, he disclosed. Many of these factories have been established by refugees, he added.

"Palestine is now undertaking army orders to an extent and covering a range of stores, which was deemed incredible two years ago," the War Supply Board head stated. "In addition it is supplying the needs of the civil population and producing numerous commodities which hitherto were imported." He revealed further that measures have been taken to increase the cement output from nine to twenty thousand tons monthly and that a rubber regeneration plant with an annual capacity of 300 tons will shortly be established.

Sir Douglas concluded his statement with the announcement that the Palestine Government is already taking steps to counteract a post-war economic slump, when army orders cease, and is attempting to find new markets.

JEWISH, FRENCH, BRITISH OFFICIALS MARK BASTILLE DAY IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA)-- Bastille Day was marked in Palestine yesterday by impressive services in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, attended by prominent Fighting French, Jewish and British dignitaries.

In this city a special memorial mass was held in the church of Notre Dame de France for the Fighting French soldiers who fell in the heroic defense of Bir Hakeim in Libya during last month's Axis offensive.

In Tel Aviv memorial services were held in the Great Synagogue in the presence of high French military officials. The synagogue was decorated with the blue-and-white Zionist flag and the French tricolor. Mayor Israel Rokach and Rabbis Amiel and Toledano spoke.

FORMATION OF A JEWISH ARMY IN PALESTINE ASKED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA)-- Formation of a Jewish army in Palestine was urged on the floor of the House of Representatives today by Rep. Richard P. Gale (R., Minn.).

"If there are 100,000 men willing and anxious to fight on our side, not across the ocean, not a month or two months from the front, but almost within shooting distance of the Suez Canal, why not do something about it?" he asked. "It is very important, very urgent and very nearly too late - and it will be too late by next year."

ENGLISH JEWS PURCHASE STATUETTE PRESENTED TO BALFOUR BY U.S. ZIONISTS IN 1925

EDINBURGH, July 15. (JTA)-- A gold-and-silver statuette presented to Lord Balfour in 1925 by American Zionists as a token of appreciation for his efforts in securing Jewish rights to settlement in Palestine has been purchased from Lord Balfour's estate by a group of local Jewish leaders.

The statuette, which was sculpted by Louis Rosenthal of Baltimore, was presented to Lord Balfour by Dr. Weismann at impressive ceremonies in London in November, 1925, with representatives of the Palestine Jewish community and of the American Zionists present. Accepting the figure at that time, Lord Balfour expressed the feeling that "he had hardly done enough to deserve this."

A memorial shaft surmounted by a two and one-half inch figure of Lord Balfour and forty tiny figures at its base compose the statuette which is eleven inches high. On the shaft are two tablets. On one, in English, is written: "To Arthur James Balfour from the Jews of the United States." On the other, in Hebrew, is written the biblical quotation: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

MISS BLACKMAN, WELL-KNOWN JEWISH SOCIAL WORKER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA)-- Miss Elinor Blackman, for 22 years the Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Social Service Association, the family welfare agency of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City, died today at her home in Brooklyn, after an illness of several months.

Miss Blackman was a member of the American Association of Social Workers and the Family Welfare Association of America. She was active in the affairs of the Welfare Council of New York and was the chairman of its Selective Service Committee. She was for ten years Chairman of the Board of the Social Work Vocational Bureau, an employment bureau for professional social workers.