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LAVAL DISCUSSES FURTHER ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES; JEWISH ANXIETY IN FRANCE GROWS

ZURICH, July 16. (JTA)-- Pierre Laval, pro-Nazi premier of France, today conferred with Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, the anti-Semitic head of the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, on the question of further anti-Jewish legislation in unoccupied France, correspondents of Swiss newspapers report from Vichy.

It is understood that Pellepoix reported to Laval on the results of the laws which have so far been introduced against the Jews in France, especially on the economic effects of these laws. A review of the functioning of the anti-Jewish laws issued by the Nazis in occupied France was also given by Pellepoix, according to the Swiss journalists.

Jewish refugees in unoccupied France are watching with anxiety the deterioration of relations between the United States and France, a report received here states. They fear that their last chance to emigrate to overseas countries will vanish should diplomatic relations between the two countries be broken off. Their position will then become even more aggravated by the fact that they will remain isolated from the rest of the free world and from their friends in the democratic countries who are trying to help them emigrate from France.

BRITISH COMMITTEE SAYS FAMINE RATIONS FOR JEWS IN POLAND ARE LOWEST IN NAZI-HELD LANDS

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)-- The famine regime which the Nazis have introduced for the Jews in occupied Poland is emphasized graphically in a report published here today by the British Famine Relief Committee, showing that the food rations for Jews are the lowest in all Nazi-held countries.

Pointing out that 2,400 calories daily are necessary to maintain health, the Committee informs that the Jews in Poland are allowed only 400 calories. Citing bread as an example, it said that Germans in Poland get 4½ pounds weekly, Poles 2½ and Jews only one pound.

The Dziennik Polski, organ of the Polish Government-in-Exile, today reports that Poles as well as Jews will not be permitted by the Nazis to eat fruit this summer. An order issued by the occupation administration there instructs the population to surrender to the German authorities all fruit as well as mushrooms. Severe penalties are provided for violation of this order.

RENEWED FIFTH-COLUMN ACTIVITIES REPORTED FROM PALESTINE, SYRIA, IRAQ

CAIRO, July 16. (JTA)-- Renewed fifth-column activities of Nazi agents in Palestine, Syria and Iraq are reported here today following an announcement that measures have been taken to protect the Mosul pipeline from any possible sabotage.

The report says that some of the Syrian tribes, financed by Axis agents, have joined with Kurds from Iraq and with small bands of Arabs who claim to be followers of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, hiding in the Syrian desert, and are now attempting to raid British communications across the Syrian desert to Mosul.

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POSTAL AUTHORITIES ASKED TO PROBE ANONYMOUS ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA IN MAILS

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)-- Postal authorities here were asked today to ascertain what persons or groups are sending anonymous mimeographed postcards quoting Mohandas K. Gandhi, India's leader, as declaring that "Palestine belongs to the Arabs in the same sense that England belongs to the English, and it is wrong and inhuman to impose Jews on the Arabs."

The postcard, carrying no return address and no signature or any other sign which might indicate the identity of its sender, has been received during the last few days by editors, organizations and leading personalities. It carries a postal stamp showing that it was mailed in New York. It asserts that the quotation is taken from the February, 1939 issue of Asia magazine.

At the office of Asia magazine, the editors, who have received many inquiries during the last few days concerning the postcards, declared that the publication had not sent out the cards nor had it authorized anybody to do so. They have requested the Post Office department to look into the matter.

SUFFERINGS OF PROTECTORATE JEWS DESCRIBED IN MEMORANDUM OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)-- A memorandum on the reign of terror in Bohemia and Moravia was issued here today by the Czechoslovak Government.

The memorandum includes a chapter devoted to the persecution of the Jews. The Jews in the Protectorate, the memorandum states, were intended to supply a lightning conductor to which might be diverted the tension and nervousness of the public.

The regime, inaugurated by Reinhard Heydrich, meant a serious deterioration of the situation of the Jews in the Protectorate, the memorandum declares. An intense radio and press campaign was opened against the Jews who were "indiscriminately declared to be the real culprits of the whole misfortune which was afflicting the Czech people. They stood behind the Czechoslovak Government in London, they spread whispered propaganda in the Protectorate, and played a prominent part in the underground activities. They stood at the head of the economic sabotage and organized the starving of the people."

The memorandum enumerates the measures taken against the Jews under the Heydrich regime, pointing out that these measures did not prevent the Czech population from continuing to associate with their Jewish fellow-citizens. A special order had to be given to the police to take into protective custody all those Czechs "who of late have publicly expressed their friendship for Jews and may in this way have wished to show their hostile attitude to the Reich."

After the introduction of the yellow badge a number of Czechs were severely punished for wearing the star of David in sympathy with the Jews, and a warning was issued through the press that Czechs still sympathizing with the Jews must bear "all the merciless consequences" of such an attitude. They would be treated as Jews and subjected to the same restrictions. Lists of persons known for their friendly conduct towards Jews were published under the heading "Felloried." The campaign culminated with the decision that Jews were not allowed either directly or through the intermediary of other persons to buy Protectorate newspapers. The memorandum quotes an article published on this occasion in the pro-Nazi newspaper Ceske Slovo, stating that "recent events have intensified the traditional Czech dislike for the Jews to such an extent that it will never again be possible to bridge over this gap. The Jews are responsible for all Czech tears."

DR. JAMES BERNSTEIN LEAVES FOR UNOCCUPIED FRANCE TO STUDY REFUGEE PROBLEM THERE

LISEON, July 16. (JTA)-- Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, is leaving today for Marseilles, in unoccupied France, to study conditions of Jewish refugees there who are eligible for emigration to overseas lands. He expects to remain there several weeks after which he will return to Lisbon.

The office of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association today received information from Colombia that Axis citizens will not be allowed to live in the coastal regions there, nor in any port on the Magdalena River. All refugees living in Barranquilla, Cartagena and Cali, numbering approximately 800 people, have been ordered to leave these towns within five days.

The same information states that none of the refugees with German passports are now allowed to withdraw more than 20 pesos daily from their bank accounts. Jewish leaders have appealed to the Colombian Minister of Interior to consider individual cases for exceptions.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, July 16. (JTA)-- A memorandum asking the Government of Argentina to take stern measures against the anti-Jewish demonstrations which pro-Nazi elements are conducting in the capital has been submitted to the Minister of Interior by the "Organisacion Popular contra el Antisemitismo," it was announced here today.

The memorandum points out that the anti-Semitic demonstrations are becoming more and more bold to a point where the demonstrators call openly for pogroms on Jews. The memorandum also reveals that a Jewish medical student, A. Ribak, was compelled by threats to resign from a special course which he was taking in the Hospital Militar Central in Buenos Aires.

Besides submitting its memorandum to the Minister of Interior, the organization, in its work of combatting anti-Semitism, has also issued an appeal to political parties, democratic organizations, student associations and labor unions to lend their aid in the fight against the anti-Jewish activities in the country and to mobilize their forces to counteract the pro-Nazi elements who are behind these activities.

4,000 WAR REFUGEES ADMITTED INTO PALESTINE; FORTY PERCENT ARE JEWS

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)-- Approximately 4,000 persons have been admitted to Palestine as war refugees, it was stated today by a Colonial Office spokesman, who emphasized that about 40 percent of them were Jews.

More than 2,400 of the refugees were from Poland, 270 from Germany, 340 from Czechoslovakia and 990 from the Baltic and Balkan States. Almost all of them left their countries of origin in advance of enemy occupation or severance of relations with Great Britain.

In making these figures public, officials of the Colonial Office disclosed that two-thirds of the 4,000 war refugees were admitted into Palestine at the request of the British Government in London as being persons of Allied nationality for whom a temporary asylum must be found. The remainder reached Palestine through their own arrangements. All refugees were subjected to a "security check" and detained until inquiries had established their identity. Those unable to satisfy the security authorities in Palestine have remained in detention.

U.S. ARMY WILL OPEN SCHOOL FOR CHAPLAINS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA)-- The War Department today announced that candidates are now being selected for the fifth session of the Army Chaplain School, which will convene August 10 at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Jewish, Protestant and Catholic clergymen will receive the same instruction in their military duties.

The studies at the Army Chaplain School include practical duties of chaplains; leadership and administration; discipline, courtesies and customs of the service; military law, military hygiene and first aid; topography; graves registration; military correspondence and surveys; money and property; investigation, interior guard duty, field service regulations, equipment; organizations of the army; recreation, education and music; administrative, cooperative and supervisory duties of division, army corps and army chaplains; staff regulations; army morale and defense against chemicals.

PALESTINE OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY OF JABOTINSKY'S DEATH

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA)-- Memorial meetings marking the second anniversary of the death of Vladimir Jabotinsky, late leader of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, were held throughout Palestine yesterday.

At the settlement of Mezudath Zeev, which is named after Jabotinsky, a special exhibition containing 1,500 items relating to the career of the Revisionist leader, was opened. On view are documents, photographs and uniforms of the World War I Jewish Legion. The opening of the exhibition was attended by numerous Jewish leaders. Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv delivered the main address.

The Jewish National Fund office today announced that a convalescent home will be opened at the ancient city of Safed. It will be established on a large plot of land near the entrance to the Jewish quarter in what was formerly a residence of Scottish missionaries. It is felt by the JNF that the institution will stimulate Jewish settlements in the upper Galilee region.

UNIVERSAL JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA PUBLISHES SEVENTH VOLUME TODAY

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)-- The seventh volume of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia containing 1,500 articles on various phases of Jewish life and letters, which fall into the alphabetical categories between LEV and MES, will be published here tomorrow. The remaining three volumes of the ten-volume series will appear shortly.

The seventh volume, which is dedicated to the memory of the late Jacob Schiff, Jewish philanthropist and communal leader, contains 672 pages with 194 special articles on Bible, Talmud, institutional and general subjects, historical and contemporary surveys of ninety communities the world over, upward of 900 biographical evaluations, including sketches of sixteen non-Jews whose careers affected Jewish life and thought in many countries.

The Encyclopedia was recently chosen, by a distinguished inter-faith jury of intellectual and spiritual leaders constituting an award committee of the American Library Association, as the best Jewish religious reference source of the year. Rabbi Isaac Landman is editor-in-chief of the work and Louis Rittenberg is executive and literary editor.