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JEWISH SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS IN RUMANIA SEIZED BY ANTONESCU GOVERNMENT

ZURICH, July 24. (JTA)-- The vast network of primary and secondary schools which were maintained in Bucharest by both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities have been taken over by the Antonescu Government, under the decree announced earlier in the week which placed all Jewish-owned property "at the disposal of the government," the Bucharest radio reported today. The schools were housed in modern well-equipped buildings.

Hospitals belonging to the Jewish community have also been seized by the Rumanian authorities, the broadcast disclosed. Other reports reaching here today indicate that the hospitals are needed by the Rumanian military command to take care of the thousands of wounded that are pouring into the country from the Russian front.

Other buildings owned by the Jewish communities, with the sole exception of synagogues, have also been confiscated.

ALL GREEK JEWS WILL BE INTERNED IN HUGE GHETTO IN CRETE, NAZIS REPORT

ANKARA, July 24. (JTA)-- Those Salonika Jews who will not be sent to forced labor by the Nazi occupation authorities will be deported to a huge ghetto which is to be established on the German-held island of Crete, it was announced today on the Athens radio.

The Jews residing in other Greek towns will be interned temporarily in local ghettos until they can be transported to Crete, the Athens broadcaster stated. The deportation of the Jews to Crete is punishment for "Jewish responsibility for Greek resistance to the Axis and for Jewish intrigues that plunged Greece into war," the German-controlled radio asserted.

SLOVAKS FORCE 1,200 JEWS TO SHAVE HAIR, BEARDS, THEN DEPORT THEM TO POLAND

STOCKHOLM, July 24. (JTA)-- Terror against the Jews of Slovakia continues as the approximately 55,000 Jews remaining in the country await deportation to Poland, it is reported here today.

In the Slovak town of Bardujov members of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovakian storm troop organization, drove 1,200 Jews into the largest synagogue in the city where they were compelled to shave off their hair, sidelocks and beards. The Jews were then loaded into freight cars and dispatched to Poland, without being given an opportunity to take leave of their families.

Reports reaching here from Vilna today state that mortality in the ghetto there has increased greatly in the last few weeks as a result of starvation and epidemics.

AGREEMENT REPORTED REACHED ON SENDING FOOD PARCELS TO POLISH GHETTOS FROM ENGLAND

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)-- The Board of Deputies of British Jews and representatives of Polish-Jewish organizations met in closed session today to discuss the problem of arranging food shipments to the ghettos of Poland through the facilities of the International Red Cross. An official statement of the proceedings will not be issued until a later date, a Board spokesman announced.

It was learned, however, that an agreement in principle has been reached on the question of the "mercy shipments" and a commission has been appointed to arrange the technical details of sending 1,000 food parcels from England every month.

BIDDLE URGES DIFFERENT TREATMENT FOR LOYAL AND DISLOYAL ENEMY ALIENS

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA)-- The possibility of differentiating between loyal and disloyal enemy aliens in the enforcement of government regulations affecting such aliens as a whole is now being studied, it is disclosed today by Attorney General Francis Biddle, in an article on "The Problem of the Enemy Alien" which will appear in the August issue of the "Free World Magazine."

Paying tribute to the fact that many people now labeled "enemy aliens" hate Hitler as much as any true American does, Mr. Biddle points out that we are providing opportunities for these people to help us with the war effort. He suggests, farther, that after certain precautionary measures have been taken, that we remove any vestige of blind prejudice against enemy aliens as such. "We can broaden their job opportunities," the article states. "We can seek out the sources of propaganda designed to keep prejudice alive, and give a more active war-time cognizance to the damage which such propaganda is working upon our cause. Without nullifying the effect of safeguards set up against sabotage, espionage, and all forms of fifth-column activities, we can liberalize our regulation of alien enemies."

Mr. Biddle writes that as time and opportunity permit, we should differentiate between individuals, especially among those who have lived in our country for many years; who have sons fighting in our armed forces; or who have American children.

Citing the reasons why he, personally, feels that such differentiation should be made, the Attorney General writes: "A determining difference between the enemy aliens in this war and in the last is one of ideology rather than nationality. The simple fact of a man's birthplace gives no clue to his mind and heart."

Mr. Biddle concludes: "No X-ray machine exists that will show up the marks of fascism in a man's mind and heart. If we cannot get down to cases and cull the loyal and disloyal individuals; if we cannot make special arrangements, how can we be fair, impartial, and most important, safe under the circumstance that there are more than a million enemy aliens in this country today?"

HAROLD LASKI SAYS BRITISH REFUSAL TO ALLOW JEWISH ARMY IS "RELIC OF APPEASEMENT"

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)-- "That the British Government should seek to deny the Jews the right to die as a fighting people seems to me to be one of the most tragic relics of an outworn, indefensible policy of appeasement," Harold Laski, famous British economist, stated today in a message addressed to a trade union conference which is to be held in Liverpool on Sunday to support the demand for a Jewish military force and a home guard in Palestine.

Messages were also sent by Lord Strobolgi, James Walker, British Labor Party leader, and by several members of parliament, including A. Creech Jones and Miss Eleanor Rathbone.

TWO JEWISH OFFICERS MADE MAJOR GENERALS IN RUSSIAN TANK CORPS

KUIBYSHEV, July 24. (JTA)-- Two Jewish officers of the Red Army are among those raised to the rank of major-general in an order of the Council of Peoples Commissars, which was issued here today. The two cited in the order signed by Premier Stalin are Michel Rabinowicz and Abram Chasin, both of whom are attached to the Tank Corps.

At the same time Red Army man Lejzer Chaimowitsch Pepernik was awarded the Order of Lenin and the Order of the Red Star by the Supreme Soviet for "courage and heroism in battle."

An estimate that eighty percent of the Jews in Russian cities occupied by the Nazis were evacuated before the cities fell, is given today in an article by David Bergelson, noted Russian-Jewish writer, appearing in "Einikeit," organ of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee. Many of these Jewish evacuees are concentrated in the cities of Tambov, Tashkent, Yaroslavl, on collective farms in Siberia and in villages in the mountains of Georgia, the article states.

OVER 16,000 PALESTINIAN JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN NOW SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)-- Enlistment of Palestinian Jews in the British forces, which has been greatly increased in the last month as a result of the Axis threat to the country, has brought the total number of Jewish men and women serving in the armed forces to 16,411, it was announced here today. Of these 1,475 are women. This figure is exclusive of the 6,000 Jews serving with the supernumeraries. In the first eighteen days of July, 1,048 Jewish men and 306 Jewish women enlisted.

GERMAN RADIO PROMISES JEWISH LAND IN PALESTINE TO ARABS

ZURICH, July 24. (JTA)-- Palestine Arabs were assured today in a broadcast from Berlin that they would be given Jewish possessions in Palestine as soon as a "nationalist government" is established.

Attempting to explain the fact that the number of land transactions in Palestine has remained normal in recent weeks, despite frequent reports on the Axis radio that Palestine Jews were selling their land to Arabs as a result of Rommel's advance in Egypt, the German wireless stated that the "Revolutionary Committee of Palestine Arabs" has forbidden all Arabs to buy land or other articles from Jews because they will soon be given to them without cost.

50,000 PALESTINE JEWS VISIT WALL ON TISHA B'AB

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)-- Approximately 50,000 Jews from all parts of Palestine visited the Walling Wall during the observance of Tisha B'ab on Thursday, the Hebrew press here estimates today.

Prominent among the visitors to the Wall were hundreds of Jewish soldiers and members of the women's auxiliary corps. The traditional prayers were recited by a uniformed Jewish chaplain, after which the soldiers stood at attention and sang "Hatikvah." The newspapers point out that the observance of Tisha B'ab this year coincided with the 450th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

PRO-NAZI DUTCH PAPER DEMANDS THAT JEWISH SHOPS BE MARKED WITH MOGEN DAVID

STOCKHOLM, July 24. (JTA)-- A demand that Jewish-owned stores in Holland be marked with Mogen Davids, is made in the pro-Nazi Nationale Dagblad reaching here today.

B'NAI B'RITH MAKES NEW GRANTS TO RUSSIAN, CHINESE, DUTCH, BRITISH WAR RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24. (JTA)-- Contributions amounting to \$4,000 for war relief and refugee aid to victims of Axis aggression in five of the United Nations were announced here today by the Central Administrative Board of B'nai B'rith. These donations brought to \$700,000 the total of B'nai B'rith funds made available for these purposes in 16 countries since September, 1939. Of this sum, \$170,000 was made available since Pearl Harbor.

The new contributions, all made from B'nai B'rith's war service fund, were \$2,000 to Russian War Relief Inc.; \$1,000 to the University in Exile in New York City; \$500 to United China Relief and \$250 each to the British War Relief Society and the Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

B'nai B'rith also announced a \$1,000 contribution to the Daniel Sieff Research Institute in Rehoboth, Palestine, which is engaged in important chemical research closely allied to the United Nations' war effort. Dr. Chaim Weizmann is director of the Institute.

STATEMENTS CONDEMNING ANTI-JEWISH PERSECUTIONS TO BE READ IN CINCINNATI CHURCHES

CINCINNATI, July 24. (JTA)-- A prayer for the martyred Jews of Europe and a statement condemning the Nazi anti-Semitic excesses and appealing to the conscience of the world, will be read from the pulpits of churches in Cincinnati this Sunday, it was announced today.

The statement, which is addressed to the Jewish people, is being distributed by President John M. Versteeg of the Council of Churches to his Protestant colleagues in Hamilton County.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS HEAD PRESENTS SUB CHASER TO NAVY

MONTREAL, Canada, July 24. (JTA)-- Canada's rapidly expanding navy has received a new sub chaser as the gift of Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and J. Simard, president of Marine Industries, Ltd., it was announced here today.

The vessel is 110 feet long and will carry a crew of twenty-six. The presentation ceremonies took place at Dorval with Mrs. Samuel Bronfman turning the ship over to the Canadian Navy on behalf of her husband and Mr. Simard. Among the prominent Canadian officials present were Minister of National Defense for Naval Services, Angus L. MacDonald, and Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Percy W. Nelles.

OSSIP DYMOV, JEWISH WRITER, FIRST WINNER OF YIDDISH LITERARY AWARD

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA)-- Ossip Dymov, a well known Jewish and Russian playwright and writer, was announced today as the winner of the first award to be made by the "Morris Eisemann Literary Fund" which will sponsor the publication of books in Yiddish by prominent Jewish writers. The Fund will publish Dymov's "My Memoirs."

The award will be made from time to time by the Central Jewish Culture Organization and a committee of Jewish writers will be in charge of selecting what works are to be published.

YOUNG ISRAEL OPENS NATION-WIDE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA)-- Young Israel branches throughout the country will begin a membership drive in their synagogues tomorrow morning, it was announced today by J. David Delmen, president of the National Council of Young Israel. The drive will end September 12, when the Rosh Hashanah holidays begin. The quota for the metropolitan area is one thousand members.