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POPE PIUS REPORTED TO HAVE INTERVENED WITH VICHY OVER MASS-ARRESTS OF JEWS IN FRANCE

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- The Papal Nuncio at Vichy, acting upon orders from Pope Pius XII, has intervened with the Petain Government concerning the treatment of Jews, according to reports reaching here today.

Following the recent mass-arrests of Jews in France the Papal envoy is reported to have told the heads of the Vichy Government that "he did not understand the treatment accorded Jewish refugees" and requested an end to "these inhuman arrests of a defenseless people."

The report states that following the Papal Nuncio's intervention Marshal Petain asked the German occupation authorities to limit the arrest of Paris Jews to those of non-French origin, to stop the deportation of French Jews to Poland, and to stop separating French Jewish families. It is not known whether the Nazis agreed to any of these suggestions.

The Ny Dag, published here, today reports that a French policeman was arrested by the Germans in the town of Azay sur Cher, near the demarcation line between unoccupied and occupied France, on charges of attempting to smuggle sixteen Jews into the free zone.

Doriot Attacks Anti-Jewish Policy of Marcel Deat As Too Moderate

BERNE, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- An indication that even some of the collaborationist elements in France are aware of the grave effects that complete expulsion of Jews from the country will have on both the economic and cultural fronts was seen today in an attack by the "Cri du Peuple," organ of Jacques Doriot, upon the Rassemblement National Populaire, the political party of Marcel Deat, publisher, who is close to the Laval Government.

The Doriot newspaper, which has become virtually an organ of the Nazi occupation authorities, strongly criticizes the Deat group for being "pro-Semitic," on the basis of an article appearing in the Rassemblement's bulletin to the effect that "indisputably anti-Semitism is nothing but the program of certain reactionary groups." The "Cri du Peuple" alleges that Deat's party wants "naturalization of Jewish scholars, intellectuals, technicians and producers." It warns that "all Jewry would be reestablished under the Rassemblement's protection."

The adherents of Doriot are using their differences with the Deat followers on the Jewish policy as a focal point of the struggle between the two groups for political control under Nazi domination. "The Deat movement is no longer 'national' or 'popular,' but pro-Semitic," the "Cri du Peuple" writes.

BELGIAN FASCISTS DEMAND DEPORTATION OF ALL JEWS IN COUNTRY TO EASTERN EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Following official confirmation by the Nazis of their decision to deport all the Jews of Holland, Le Pays Reel, Belgian Rexist paper reaching here today, demands that the Jews of Belgium also be deported to Eastern Europe.

OFFICIAL BELGIAN PUBLICATION EMPHASIZES SOLIDARITY BETWEEN BELGIANS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- The determination of the Belgian people to resist the Nazi persecution of Jews and their long history of friendship for the Jewish people is related in an article entitled "Spiritually We Are Semites," appearing today in the Aug. issue of "New From Belgium," the official organ of the Belgian Information Center here. The article is signed by the editors of the publication.

"It would be exaggerated to say that there has never been any anti-Semitic feeling in Belgium," the article states, "but we are proud to say that it has not existed since the XIVth Century. The chronicles of the time tell how in the early part of that century some Jews were killed for reasons inspired by bigotry or by plain rowdiness and how those Jews who survived sat at the borders of the Senne in Brussels chanting eulogies for their murdered friends. That was exactly six hundred years ago, and since then nothing of the kind has happened again.

"It is true that Philip II drove most of the Jews out of Antwerp around 1560, but those engaged in the diamond trade stayed on and ensured the future greatness of their home country as a diamond-cutting, polishing and trading center.

"Thus there was not even any basis for a Jewish question in Belgium. When Hitler came to power, Antwerp became the haven of thousands of Jews, driven from Germany or escaped from Nazi torture camps. And when, one day, German Jewish parents, in despair, shipped a couple of hundred Jewish children to Belgium in a train, leaving these waifs to the care of their co-religionists, the Belgian Parliament voted a credit of six million francs to the Jewish welfare organizations to help these children and other Jewish refugees.

"Pope Pius XI, that marvelous, formidable old man, reminded a group of Belgian pilgrims, who had come to pay him homage one day in September 1938, of the position of the Church with regard to anti-Semitism. Said the Pope: 'Sacrificium Patriarchae nostri Abrahae. Mark well that Abraham is called our Patriarch, our ancestor.' Anti-Semitism is incompatible with the thought and sublime reality expressed in this text. It is an antipathetic movement. We Christians can have nothing to do with it.'

"Following the invasion, the Nazis tried to apply to the circa 40,000 Jews of Belgium the laws and regulations inspired by their moronic racial theory. They met with little success, but having more urgent matters to attend to, they did not press the issue. When resistance became organized in Belgium, they needed a scapegoat and their anti-Semitic actions gradually increased. On June 20, an act of sabotage was committed. In reprisal, 70 Belgians, so-called Communists, 60 war prisoners who had been liberated and 1,000 Jews were deported to Russia, according to the Brusseler Zeitung.

"When the Nazis try to starve Jewish children to death by refusing them rationing cards, the Belgian Red Cross steps in and feeds them better than the other children. When Jews are compelled to wear the Star of David, school teachers explain to their classes that this mark, designed for infamy, is a token of distinction. Dozens of incidents of that kind happen every day all over Belgium, for the brutes may believe that all evil comes from the members of one race, as savages believe in taboos, but the Belgians, for the last six centuries have known, at all times, that the enemy is within us all, and that only those who succeed in subduing their passions belong to a superior race, to a race of decent people."

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Mason said that the government was especially interested in stimulating the production of wheat and barley. He revealed that 100 tractors have been ordered from United States firms to facilitate the cultivation of larger areas. Discussing the situation of the orange growers, Mason said that the government will continue its loans and subsidies in order to assist the growers to maintain themselves until after the war, when exports can be resumed.

THIRTY-ONE POLISH JEWS STRANDED IN INDIA THREATENED WITH EXPULSION

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Thirty-one Polish Jews, stranded in India en route to Palestine, are facing expulsion from that country, Polish-Jewish circles here were informed today in a cable received from the Jewish Relief Organization in Bombay.

The Polish Jews arrived here from Kobe, Japan, after a tortuous journey through Burma. They had transit visas for India and consequently were granted permission to stay in the country temporarily, pending receipt of Palestine immigration certificates. These certificates have not been received as yet and the temporary residence permits are expiring, the Bombay Jewish group cabled.

It urged Polish Jewish leaders to intervene with the Polish Government-in-exile here to allot to the Jewish refugees, through its officials in India, residence permits which have been placed at the disposal of the Polish authorities by the Indian Government.

BRITISH JEWS ENDORSE FAST DAY ON AUG. 12 TO MARK NAZI ATROCITIES; PROTEST MEETINGS AUG. 25

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Hertz of Great Britain today associated British Jewry with the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in America which has proclaimed August 12 a fast day and "day of supplication in behalf of our brethren who are in danger of extermination at the hands of an inhuman enemy as well as a day of prayer for speedy victory and a righteous peace."

On August 25 the Chief Rabbi will preside at a mass-meeting to protest Nazi atrocities which will be held in one of the largest meeting places in the West End. Demonstrations similar to those held in America and Palestine will take place throughout the country.

JUDGE GOLDSTEIN HEADS JEWISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- The appointment of Judge Jonah Goldstein of the Court of General Sessions as chairman of the Metropolitan Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting was announced yesterday by William H. Pough, president of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York.

Judge Goldstein was selected for the post by the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, of which Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, is chairman. Judge Goldstein succeeds Mr. Weil as head of the metropolitan group. In his chambers in the Criminal Court Building, Judge Goldstein conferred yesterday with a number of the men who will work with him in the promotion of scouting in Jewish institutions.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION MARKS INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (JTA)--- As part of its efforts to rally maximum strength for its war-program in behalf of Palestine, the Zionist Organization of America has already attained a membership exceeding 46,000, marking an increase over its membership for the same period last year, according to figures made public here today by Simon Shetzer, Executive Director of the organization.

The current year's membership drive of the Z.O.A. is dedicated to the memory of Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

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