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NAZIS BLOCK WAGES OF JEWS IN HOLLAND; JEWISH COUNCIL FORCED TO APPROVE DEPORTATIONS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in Holland have issued an order blocking the wages of Jewish employees if they exceed 250 guilders a month, it was reported here today.

The order forbids employers paying in cash more than 250 guilders a month to Jewish employees. Wages in excess of this sum must be deposited by the employer on blocked Jewish accounts in an Amsterdam bank designated for this transaction. Wherever several members of the same Jewish family are employed in one enterprise, the total wages to be paid out in cash to all the members of the family must also not exceed 250 guilders, the order directs.

The Amsterdam Jewish Council, it was learned here today, has been forced by the Gestapo to issue a special warning to the Jews of Holland against attempts at evasion of deportation for slave labor in occupied Eastern Europe. Jews who receive deportation orders are warned to be ready to comply at once, otherwise, they expose themselves to the penalty of incarceration in the Nazi concentration camp in Mauthausen. Jewish internees in the Mauthausen camp are utilized as guinea pigs for poison gas experiments..

FASCIST GROUPS DEMAND STRICTER LAWS AGAINST JEWS IN ITALY

ZURICH, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- New and more severe anti-Jewish regulations for the purpose of "finally solving the Jewish problem in Italy" are demanded in a campaign inaugurated by Fascist student organizations in all Italian universities, according to reports from Rome reaching here today.

The campaign is designed principally to counteract the Catholic resistance in Italy to the application of the already existing anti-Jewish laws. It is being coupled with attacks in the official Fascist press on the Catholic newspaper "Italia" and other Catholic organs which continue to combat the idea of the existence of a "Jewish problem."

An appeal of the Fascist student groups, addressed to Roberto Farinacci, former secretary of the Fascist Party and editor of the anti-Semitic organ "Regina Fascista" complains that the people in Italy appear to ignore the anti-Jewish laws. The appeal, published in the Fascist student organ "Moschetto," demands a public explanation for "the incomprehensible relaxation or failure of the regulations governing the Jewish problem in Italy."

The Regina Fascista, in a number of articles this week, intensified its campaign of abuse against the official press of the Catholic Church. Stating that "the official attitude of the Catholic Church on the Jewish question does not correspond with what we consider the real Christian outlook," one of the article says: "The time will come when even the blind will see that Christian civilization cannot be saved by the wide-spread false piety which is usurping the name of Christian charity, but rather by the courageous work of political men."

POST-WAR RESTORATION OF JEWISH RIGHTS IN EUROPE WILL BE NO EASY JOB, PAPER ASSERTS

BOSTON, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The hugeness of the task involved in the post-war rehabilitation of the Jewry of Europe after the fall of Nazism, is emphasized in the Christian Science Monitor, one of America's leading daily newspapers, in an article describing the Nazi massacres of Jews in Poland, the Ukraine and the Baltic States, and the deportations of Jews from Germany and the occupied countries in Western Europe.

"The plight of the Jews in Europe is more desperate now than it has ever been," the article says. "If the Jews are to survive at all, the United Nations must win the war. Even the slightest easement of the Jews' sufferings would seem to be dependent upon a complete Axis collapse. But it is idle to assume that the downfall of Hitler and his partners, per se, will solve the problems of the Jews or restore them to their pre-war status.

"Millions of Jews have been completely disinherited and disenfranchised and it will hardly be possible for the United Nations to restore their rights automatically. A war-impoorished Europe will not be able to reabsorb readily a large number of repatriated Jews. Nor will a decade of insidious Nazi propaganda immediately cease to make itself felt among peoples conditioned to bigotry and grown hard in the forge of war and tyranny. Even before the rise of Hitler the position of the Jews was scarcely tolerable in some parts of Poland and in the Balkans. The problem of what is to become of the Jews after the war, therefore, is almost as vital as what is to become of them now.

"Fortunately," the article continues, "numerous influential and far-seeing men appear to be aware that the post-war future of the European Jew will depend in great measure on what is done for him immediately after the cessation of hostilities. Strong efforts are being made both in this country and in Great Britain to make certain that the Jewish problem and the closely related Palestinian question are among the very first subjects tackled at the peace conference."

Predicts Better Relations Between Jews and Christians After the War

"In spite of the imposing problems in the way of his rehabilitation, the post-war Jew in Europe is likely to be on substantially better terms with those of his Christian neighbors who haven't been mesmerized by Nazi propaganda, than he has been for generations," the article predicts. It points out that as the Nazi pressure has worsened, popular sympathy for the Jew has increased tremendously and with it has come, in many instances, a deeper and broader understanding of his age-old problems.

"Developments of the past few months make it difficult to escape the conviction that the Nazis are endeavoring to exterminate the Jews of Europe in the shortest possible time," the Christian Science Monitor writes. "Their attempt to annihilate an all but impotent enemy when they still have powerful foes with which to contend, both in the East and in the West, is typical of Naziism's brutal and ruthless character."

The paper gives three possible purposes behind this attempt. First, there is the continuing need of scapegoats to justify the increased demands that are being made on the German people. Second, there is inherent Nazi fanaticism, which apparently has never waned and which probably has been goaded into a new frenzy by the unflinching resistance of the populations of the occupied countries. Third, there is the fear that the Jews will be a dangerous partisan threat at the German rear and within the Axis lines when a United Nations attack comes.

PALESTINE JOURNALISTS SEE "SOLDIERS IN THE MAKING" AT LARGEST TRAINING CENTER

SOMEWHERE IN PALESTINE, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- These lines are written at the largest recruiting and training center in the Middle East, which is located "somewhere in Palestine" and which we, a group of Jewish and Arab journalists, were permitted to visit today in order to see soldiers in the making.

It does not take long here to get acquainted with the stages in the life of a soldier from the first day of his arrival at the camp as a recruit in civilian clothes to the hour when he is to leave for the battlefield. The soldiers come from all the various walks of life and social standing, but in camp they are all as one family, high-spirited and well-satisfied.

We were especially impressed with the wall-climbing exercises of the units of the Auxiliary Training Service which we witnessed. "We shall need wall-climbing to overcome the walls surrounding Berchtesgaden," the commandant of the training center told us smilingly.

The military authorities in the center highly praised the intelligence, efficiency and steadfastness of the soldiers of the Auxiliary Training Service. The soldiers themselves had nothing to complain about. "Send us more men and women into the service," was their unanimous demand, to which the Yishuv is acquiescing gladly.

8,000 JEWS FROM OCCUPIED AND UNOCCUPIED FRANCE SENT TO FORCED LABOR IN NAZI MINES

LISBON, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The Paris press reaching here today reports that the 4,000 Jews recently deported from unoccupied France have been sent to Polish Silesia to work in coal mines. A transport with an additional 4,000 Jews from occupied France was similarly sent to the same section, the Nazi-controlled Paris press disclosed.

Three Jews and ten Frenchmen were arrested yesterday in Lyons, unoccupied France, "following incidents, resulting from certain suspect political activities in recent days," it was reported over the Vichy radio last night. The London radio reported that dismissals of French policemen in Paris continue as a result of the reluctance of French police officers to comply with the Gestapo order for rounding up Jews.

JEWS IN BUCHAREST ORDERED TO TURN IN THEIR BICYCLES TO THE POLICE

GENEVA, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- Jews in Bucharest were directed by a special order to deliver to the police stations by Friday any bicycles or motorcycles in their possession, a Berlin broadcast reported today.

A broadcast from Rome today announced that Italians fighting Croat insurgents will be compensated with property confiscated from Jews and rebels in Croatia.

ZIONIST FLAG DEPOSITED WITH FLAGS OF UNITED NATIONS IN LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- Acting upon the request of the Dean of the Liverpool Cathedral, the Zionist Central Council here today presented a Zionist flag to the Cathedral to be included among the flags deposited there at the United Nations' Day celebration.

In making the flag presentation, A. Hesleton, chairman of the Zionist Council, voiced his appreciation of the dean's invitation to the Zionists. "The Mogen David flag has become a symbol of suffering borne with fortitude and without thought of revenge," he said.

LEIZER PAPIERNIK, SOVIET JEWISH HERO, KILLED IN SINGLE-HANDED FIGHT WITH 400 NAZIS

KUIBYSHEV, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The heroic death of Leizer Papiernik, one of the nationally-known Jewish fighters in the Russian Army who twice in this war received the highest award for bravery, is reported in the Soviet press today. He died on the front fighting against several hundred Germans who attacked his detachment of twenty-three soldiers.

"Outnumbered by the enemy, the detachment under Papiernik's command nevertheless held their ground," the report states. "Papiernik killed a substantial number of Germans, but in the end he remained one against 400. The last of his comrades had fallen, but single-handed, he fought on, exacting more toll of the Germans until he himself had fallen."

The military commissar of the Division in which the Jewish hero served, eulogizing Papiernik, today declared in a statement to the press: "The memory of Papiernik's heroic detachment will live forever and will become a legend in our history." A memorial meeting was held today in the factory in which Papiernik worked prior to his joining the Red Army. The meeting was attended by special representatives of the government and the armed forces.

The Soviet press today reports the bestowing of the title "Hero of the Soviet Union" upon Chaim Dyskin, 18-year-old volunteer who also received the Lenin Order and the Red Star Order, the two highest decorations. A son of a Jewish peasant on the collective farm Kadinah, in the Crimea, young Dyskin was wounded fourteen times, but did not leave his cannon and succeeded in destroying five enemy tanks and preventing them from breaking the Russian position. He was carried by his commander to the first aid station after he finally fell unconscious beside his cannon.

London Committee Will Hold Conference on Jewish Aid to Russia

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- A conference to discuss ways and means for providing Jewish aid to Russia in response to the appeal for such aid from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Kuibyshev will be held here on August 30, it was announced today by Morris Meyer, editor of the London Jewish Times and chairman of the United Jewish Committee.

Addressing a press-conference, Mr. Meyer today stated that the United Jewish Committee wishes that "the Jews in Russia who sent their appeal to us as fellow Jews should know that we respond to this appeal not only together with other people resident in this country, but also as Jews who, though holding various views and conflicting opinions on many subjects, have united in order to mobilize the Jewish population in Britain to give every possible aid to Russia in her fight against Nazi barbarism."

PHILADELPHIA ENROLLS 3,000 ZIONIST MEMBERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The enrollment of 3,000 members, more than double the membership of last year, was announced here today by Rabbi Simon Greenberg, president of the Philadelphia branch of the Zionist Organization of America. This unprecedented increase in the numerical strength of the organization in this city, is the result of an intensive campaign, climaxed by a victory dinner at which Dr. Chaim Weizmann was the guest speaker.

Sponsoring four consecutive daily campaign dinners, the membership committee succeeded in enlisting, during that short period, close to 1700 additional members. The main speakers at these functions were Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the ZOA, Rabbi Simon Greenberg and Simon Shetser, executive director of the ZOA.