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WASHINGTON INTERESTED IN POPE'S DISCUSSION OF JEWISH PROBLEM WITH ROOSEVELT ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Private reports to the effect that Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Vatican, is now discussing with Pope Pius XII "a sweeping solution of the problem of Jewish persecution in Axis-occupied territories, to be carried out under Vatican auspices" have provoked considerable interest in various circles here.

Questioned at his press conference today as to the authenticity of these reports, Secretary of State Cordell Hull stated that he has received no message from Mr. Taylor as yet. He indicated that Mr. Taylor's stay at Vatican City would be short. It is believed that since Vatican City is surrounded by enemy territory, Taylor will probably not communicate his report to the State Department until he reaches Lisbon, or until he returns to the United States at the end of this week.

POLISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN RUSSIA DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWISH SOLDIERS

KUIBYSHEV, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Reports that Polish army officials are dismissing Jews from Polish military units in Russia in order to deprive them and their families of the opportunity to leave Russia, reached here today from Dzalalabad, Kermine, Guazar and other remote Russian cities where Polish divisions are being trained prior to being transported to the Middle East front.

Each member of the Polish armed forces is permitted, in accordance with Soviet regulations, to take his family along with him when leaving Russia for the Middle East. On the pretext that they are no longer physically fit, more than 500 Jews were dismissed from the Polish army during July and August, thus depriving 500 Jewish families of the opportunity of emigrating from Russia.

In Guazar, where a Polish platoon of engineers and technicians consisted mostly of Jews, the unit was dissolved. All Jews were dismissed from service, while twelve Poles were transferred to other Polish military formations. At Kermine, when Polish soldiers were put in military trains for transportation to destinations outside Russia, Jewish soldiers were removed from the trains even though they had already been included in the transport. Discrimination against families of Jewish soldiers serving in Polish units in various Russian towns is similarly reported here.

The representatives of the Polish embassy have no influence with the army leaders and are unable to prevent discrimination against Jews. It is obvious that the Polish military authorities are primarily interested in bringing from Russia as many Poles as possible and thus prefer having Polish soldiers replace Jews in any transport that leaves Russia for the Middle East, the report says.

FIFTY HUNTED JEWISH FAMILIES IN FRANCE HANG THEMSELVES IN SUICIDE PACT

GENEVA, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Explaining that because of the "fluidity" of the situation the exact number of Jews remaining at present in the occupied and unoccupied sections of France is difficult to ascertain, the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, in a broadcast over the Vichy radio today, ridiculed the recent allegation by the French anti-Semitic newspaper Gringoire that 2,700,000 Jews are now in France. The Vichy broadcaster estimated that there are about 165,000 Jews in the occupied zone at present and about 150,000 in the so called free zone.

The Tribune de Geneve, one of the leading Swiss newspapers, today publishes an eye-witness account of the situation of the Jews under Vichy, related by a Swiss citizen who recently returned from unoccupied France. At Sete, a coastal city in south-eastern France, he reported, fifty or sixty Jews who had been hiding in the woods, hanged themselves, after first hanging their children, when it became clear that the French police would soon seize them. When the gendarmes did arrive they found only bodies dangling from the tree limbs; not a single Jew remained alive. In the entire diocese of Toulouse, only two priests refused to read the Archbishop's pastoral letter protesting the deportations, from their pulpits, he disclosed.

Other Swiss papers carry an account of the seizure of Jews who had sought refuge in the wooded plateaus on Mont Saleve, near the Swiss border. The Jews were hunted down like criminals or animals, the report states. The same dispatch declares that many persons living along the Franco-Swiss border are making a lucrative profession of aiding Jews to slip across the frontier to comparative freedom.

Meanwhile, the pro-royalist L'Action Francaise, which is now published in the unoccupied zone, expresses indignation today at the reports being circulated abroad concerning Vichy's treatment of Jews. "France will defend herself against these charges and may even take the offensive," the royalist organ asserts, adding that Laval is merely ridding the country of "the plague of foreign Jews."

AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS CROWD LONDON SYNAGOGUES ON YOM KIPPUR

LONDON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Large numbers of Jewish soldiers and officers serving in the American armed forces stationed in England crowded the synagogues in London yesterday, while in one synagogue an American Jewish officer served as Chazan, reciting the Yom Kippur prayers for the entire congregation.

The Jewish service men from the United States were only part of the men in military uniform who attended the Yom Kippur services. Attendance in the synagogues this Yom Kippur was so large that traffic had to be diverted from one of the streets in West London which was jammed with Jews, both military men and civilians, awaiting the opening of the doors of one of the synagogues there. Chief Rabbi Hertz, who fell sick after delivering his sermon on Rosh Hashanah, was feeling well enough to attend the Yom Kippur services.

The belief of Jews that when victory over Nazism is achieved the United Nations will deal justly with the problems which will confront the Jews who have survived Nazi brutality and that the forthcoming peace will ensure complete liberty and equality for all the Jewish people, was expressed by Professor Selig Brodetaky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in a broadcast last night over the London radio. No language, he said, can recount the suffering of eight million Jews in the Nazi hell. On the other hand, he stressed, there are today eight million Jews in America, Russia, the British Empire and Palestine who are contributing their utmost to the Allied war effort.

EXTERMINATION OF JEWS IN RUMANIA DESCRIBED IN APPEAL TO AMERICA FOR AID

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- A desperate appeal to Jews in the United States asking that relief and clothing be sent to Jews in Rumania through the Red Cross "before it is too late" reached here today from Rumania.

Complaining that the Jews of Nazi-dominated Rumania are today "Europe's forgotten Jewry," the appeal gives harrowing details of the mass-slaughter of Jews in various Rumanian towns and of the gruesome fate of hundreds of thousands of Jews who have been deported to Transnistria, the Rumanian-occupied part of the Ukraine.

"Mass-executions of Jews and deportations of entire Jewish communities occur daily since Rumania entered the war on the side of Germany," the appeal says. "The winter promises to be fatal to any of the Jews in Rumania who are still alive. The number of Jews who may survive to see the Spring will be very small if immediate aid does not reach Rumanian Jewry from their brethren abroad."

92,000 Jews Massacred in Bessarabia; Thousands Perished in Transnistria

"The greater part of the 300,000 Jews of Bessarabia are dead," the appeal reports. "Ever since the Rumanian army re-captured Bessarabia from the Russians, Jews from practically all of the towns and villages there have been taken into the open fields and shot. The Jewish community in Bucharest estimates the number of massacred Jews in Bessarabia at 92,000. Among the victims are Chief Rabbi Zirelson of Kishinev who was tortured and shot together with a group of Bessarabian Jewish leaders. No-body knows what has happened to the body of the chief rabbi and whether it was ever buried.

"In addition to the mass-murder of Jews in Bessarabia, about 80,000 Jews have been deported from Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, to the devastated part of the occupied Ukraine known as Transnistria. Some 10,000 Jews were deported to the same section from the city of Radautz; 15,000 Jews were deported from Sucava; 8,000 from Campulung; 8,000 from Dorna-Vatra; 8,000 from Gara Hamora; 5,000 from Wisnicio; 5,000 from Sereth and many thousands of Jews from other towns. Each of the deported Jews was permitted to take along with him only 2,000 lei, the equivalent of four dollars. Everything else, including business enterprises, household furnishings, jewelry, clothing, and linen had to be left behind. The victims were forced to march 120 miles en route to Transnistria, during which journey at least twenty-five percent of them died.

"The road from Bukovina to Transnistria is still covered with Jewish corpses which remain unburied. Something must be done to arouse the conscience of the world to the extermination of Rumanian Jewry. We are convinced that the Rumanian Jews in the United States will do everything in their power to relieve the terrible fate of their relatives by arranging relief and clothing for them through the Red Cross before it is too late," the appeal concludes.

SLOVAKIAN CHIEF RABBI DIES EN ROUTE TO CONCENTRATION CAMP

LONDON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Herzog of Slovakia died of a heart attack recently while en route to a concentration camp together with his wife and children, the Federation of Czechoslovakian Jews here learned today. The rabbi, who was sixty, collapsed while being driven by the Slovakian police from his home at Stupava to the local railway station. His body was left lying in the street while his wife and children were placed on the deportation train, despite their tearful pleas to be allowed to remain long enough to bury him.

SENATOR DEMANDS END OF QUOTA IMMIGRATION; ASSES RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Senator Rufus C. Holman, Rep., of Oregon, yesterday introduced a bill in the Senate providing for a ban on all quota immigration and restricting non-immigrant aliens to visits of six months with a proviso that they return to their homes at the end of that time.

Senator Holman also introduced a resolution to amend the Constitution to prohibit dual citizenship. The amendment would end "dual citizenship" by providing that "persons who under the laws of any foreign nations are deemed to be citizens or subjects of such foreign nation shall not become citizens of the United States, whether born in the United States or not, except to the extent and subject to such terms and conditions as the Congress may prescribe."

JEWS IN INDIA DO NOT FEAR JAPANESE INVASION, J.T.A. BOMBAY CORRESPONDENT SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- The 30,000 Jews of India are not alarmed at the threat of a Japanese invasion even though the monsoon season is over, and are actively cooperating with the government in internal defense measures, it was stated here today by Joe I. Sargon, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Bombay and managing editor of the Jewish Tribune there, who has just arrived here after a perilous thirty-day sea voyage.

Mr. Sargon disclosed that the influx of Jewish refugees, forced to flee from their homes in Burma, Singapore and other sections of the Far East, has created a grave problem for the Jewish communities of Calcutta and Bombay. These communities, however, together with the Indian Government are doing everything possible to ameliorate the sufferings of the refugees, he said. This problem is a new one for the Jews of eastern Asia, Mr. Sargon pointed out, since before the Japanese aggression they "enjoyed peace and security and did not know what anti-Semitism was."

Many of the refugees left behind friends and relatives who were not able to escape, the JTA correspondent said. In Rangoon, capital of Burma, five Jews refused to leave the city and remained behind to protect the Sepher Torahs in the synagogue, one refugee told Mr. Sargon. In all about 600 Jews succeeded in fleeing Burma, however, and several hundred arrived in India from Singapore, Mr. Sargon estimated. He said that probably 100,000 Jews remain under Japanese domination, scattered throughout China, the Philippines, Indo-China, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies and Burma.

INTER-FAITH CLERGY COUNCIL GREETS JEWISH COMMUNITY ON YOM KIPPUR

FREEPORT, N. Y., Sept. 22.(JTA)-- The entire membership of the Freeport Inter-Faith Clergy Council, comprising fourteen clergymen of all faiths, both Negro and White, greeted the local Jewish community on Yom Kippur, in a message read in the B'nai Israel synagogue here. Rabbi Leon Hurwitz of the B'nai Israel synagogue is the president of the Council.

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