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WAR-TIME CONGRESS OPENS IN PALESTINE IN PLACE OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- A "war-time congress" in which more than 200 delegates of the last World Zionist Congress are participating, opened here tonight in place of the World Zionist Congress which cannot be held until the war is over.

All the five members of the Zionist Executive who were elected by the last World Zionist Congress in Geneva in 1939 will report to the gathering on various aspects of the Zionist movement and on the future of Palestine. David Ben-Curion, chairman of the Zionist Executive, who is now en route from the United States, is expected to reach Palestine in sufficient time to deliver the closing address.

In addition to the 200 delegates of the last Zionist Congress, the gathering is also being attended by representatives from various Jewish institutions in Palestine. At tonight's opening session, greetings were delivered by Isaac Ben-Zvi on behalf of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, and by leaders of the various groups within the world Zionist movement. The congress will hear a political report from Moshe Shertok and a financial report from Eliezer Kaplan. Other members of the World Zionist Executive will report on Jewish economic problems and on the Jewish war effort. A review of the Jewish situation in Nazi-held Europe was given tonight at the opening session by Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the Zionist Executive, who for many years represented the Jews of Poland in the Polish parliament prior to his departure for Palestine.

The situation of the Polish Jews stranded in Russia was discussed here today by Wladyslaw Banaczuk, vice-chairman of the Polish National Council, and leaders of Polish Jewry who are now in Palestine. Mr. Banaczuk also discussed with the Jewish representatives a number of other questions concerning Polish-Jewish relations and expressed his conviction that "the independent Poland which will be restored after the victory of the United Nations will not disappoint the democratic world."

JEW ELECTED LORD MAYOR OF LONDON; FIRST IN FORTY YEARS

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- Alderman Sir Samuel Joseph today was elected Lord Mayor of London for the coming year, giving this city its first Jewish Lord Mayor since Lord Bearsted, some forty years ago. He will take office in November.

Sir Samuel is a prominent businessman and public figure here. He was sheriff of the City of London during 1935-36. He served in the last war and was retired with the rank of captain. Since it is the usual practice for the Lord Mayor to choose his own chaplain, it is expected that Sir Samuel will name a prominent London rabbi to the post.

RUSSIANS RECORD NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN KALININ DISTRICT

KUIBYSHEV, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- Documents recording the Nazi atrocities committed upon the civilian population in the Kalinin district, which was recaptured by the Russian Army, were published here today. The volume contains detailed information on the mass-executions of Jews and the merciless treatment by the Nazis of Jewish women and children. It establishes that poison gas was used by the Nazis to kill the latter.

The sufferings of the Jews under the Nazis and the heroism which they display at the Russian front and in the German rear, fighting in guerilla units, are recounted in poems written by leading Russian poets which are now widely recited at public gatherings throughout Russia. Especially popular is a poem on this theme written by Pavly Tichina, noted Ukrainian writer.

Twelve Jewish partisans including one woman, operating in the rear of the German armies, were decorated today by the Russian Government "for courage and lion's bravery." Their names are listed as Joseph Wierowitch, Samuel Sverdlov, Abraham Friedman, Abraham Vinokurov, Moishe Zaraksky, Nahum Kosowoy, Jacob Rochin, Judah Freilich, Isaac Benzionow, Joseph Lapidus, Chaim Kushnir, and Miriam Rivkin.

The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee headquarters here today made public a list of Jews evacuated from the Ukraine who have distinguished themselves in harvesting in the Saratov district on the Volga. Many elderly Jews and Jewish women evacuated from Nazi-devastated sections of Russia to the Volga district have also been placed at work in factories and in textile mills which are now working on a 24-hour basis. One can find in these factories Jews evacuated from Riga, Vitebsk, Kiev, Nikolaev, Bobruisk and other cities which fell into the hands of the Nazis, the Committee reported.

"ARYAN" WORKERS DEMONSTRATE APPRECIATION AT RETURN OF FACTORY TO JEWISH OWNER

ZURICH, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- A story of how "Aryan" workers in Slovakia arranged a special church service to give thanks for the return of their Jewish employer is reported in the *Guardista*, official organ of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guards, reaching here today from Bratislava, the Slovakian capital.

A Jewish industrialist, Simon Gross, who had his factory "Aryanized" was reinstated by the Government when the factory had to close down due to inefficiency. Upon his return to his property, Gross arranged a party for his workers during which the "Aryan" employees expressed their joy at the fact that he had been restored to his former rights. To emphasize their appreciation, the workers, during lunch hour next day, went to a near-by church to give thanks to the Lord for bringing the Jewish owner back to the factory.

NAZIS EXECUTE YOUNG CZECH-JEWISH POET; CONVERT SYNAGOGUE INTO MUSEUM

LONDON, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- Hanus Bonn, a young Czech-Jewish poet, who lately had been employed by the Prague Jewish Community, has been executed by the Nazi occupation authorities in the Czech Protectorate on the charge of "sabotaging the registration of Jews," Czechoslovak circles here learned today.

Another report reaching the Czech Government reveals that the synagogue at Louny, in Czechoslovakia, has been converted into a museum by the Nazis.

DUTCH CHRISTIANS HELP JEWS DEFEAT NAZIS IN FIST FIGHT IN DESECRATED SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- A fist fight between Jews and uniformed Dutch Nazis in a synagogue in The Hague developed into an anti-Nazi demonstration in which Dutch Christians joined the fighting Jews and ejected the Nazis from the synagogue premises, the press here reports today.

The Nazis invaded the synagogue and started to destroy scrolls and prayer books and to demolish ritual articles. Some of the older Jews in the synagogue called for help and young Jewish men from the neighborhood rushed to the place to aid their parents in resisting the Nazis. The battle soon attracted the attention of passing non-Jews and crowds of non-Jewish civilians joined with the Jews and forced the Nazis to retreat.

NAZIS FORBID INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN OCCUPIED UKRAINE

LISBON, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- Nazi authorities in the Ukraine have issued an order forbidding intermarriage between Jews and Ukrainians, a Spanish-language broadcast from Berlin heard here today reported.

The Berlin radio also reported that "approximately 70,000 Jews have been smuggled into Palestine during the last three months with the connivance - but not the official permission - of the British authorities." This allegation, broadcast in English, was apparently intended for use by Arabs operating as Nazi propagandists in Egypt and Palestine.

ITALIAN PRESS "EXPLAINS" RACIAL LAWS FOR JEWS IN LIBYA

ZURICH, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- Details concerning the bill defining the legal status of Libyan Jews are given in an official communique published in the Italian newspaper "La Stampa," reaching here today.

The statement points out that hitherto the laws promulgated in Italy "for the defense of the Italian race," applied in Libya only to Jews who are "metropolitan citizens" but not to Italian Libyan citizens of the Jewish race. It has, therefore, been considered advisable to amend existing regulations with a view to extending to the Libyan Jews the restrictions imposed in the metropolitan territory.

The bill, now approved by the Council of Ministers, takes into account not only the particular local conditions but also the fact that the position of Jews in Libya must be regulated vis-a-vis the "Aryan" race as well as the Moslems, the statement concludes.

PALESTINE JEWISH AIRMAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- On the charge of being illegally in possession of 12,000 rounds of ammunition, a Jewish member of the Royal Air Force was sentenced here by a military court to imprisonment for life, it was announced here today.

Six co-defendants, including five members of the Kvutza Givat Brenner, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from five to twelve years. The sentences are subject to confirmation by the General Officer Commanding in Palestine.

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Referring to the newly-formed Ichud Party in Palestine, which has provoked much discussion among Zionists in the United States, Judge Levinthal disclosed that the executive committee of the ZOA has received a cable from Henrietta Szold in Jerusalem, asking American Zionists to defer judgement on the new party until they receive her detailed report on the group. Acting on this cable, the executive committee decided to postpone issuing any statement on its attitude towards the Ichud Party until the actual objectives of the party can be clarified.

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