

SYRIA SUPPLIES NAZIS WITH GRAIN; UPSETS BRITISH FOOD POLICY IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA)— The sensational assertion that Syria, which is now under the control of the United Nations, is supplying Nazi Germany with substantial wheat supplies, affecting the food situation in Palestine and in the entire Middle East, is made today in an article written by the Jerusalem correspondent of the London Economist, Britain's leading paper on economic questions.

The writer believes that large quantities of wheat and other grains are delivered from Syria to Germany through Turkey which is serving as a transit market for the Nazis. German troops and officials in Greece are similarly being fed on wheat coming from Syria, he declares. He substantiates this charge with figures indicating that for the last few months there has been an abnormally heavy demand for wheat and other grains in Syria, with prices much higher than the price fixed by the government.

This development, the article points out, is harmful to the Allied cause not only because it helps feed the Nazis and their armies with food secured in countries under Allied control, but also because it upsets the price stabilization policy of the Palestine Government and of the British military authorities in the Near East. It also makes it increasingly difficult for the British authorities in Palestine to suppress blackmarking of grain by Arabs who are in constant touch with Arab grain merchants in Syria.

It has been established that though the Palestine Government is now paying as high as \$140 for a ton of wheat, which is three times higher than the pre-war price, government purchasing agents are encountering great difficulties in obtaining the necessary quantities of grain in the Near East, the article reveals. Somehow, despite the strict ~~measures~~ against smuggling, the grain in the Near Eastern countries gravitates towards the highest market, thus upsetting the grain monopoly in Palestine and other British-controlled countries which can only function when standard prices and a uniform market is maintained throughout the Middle East.

Palestine Mayors Ask Government to Reduce Price of Wheat

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA)— A plea to the Palestine Government to reduce the price of wheat from the present level of \$140 per ton to the former price of \$84 will be submitted by the municipalities of Palestine's four largest cities, it was announced here today following a meeting of the mayors of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jaffa.

The meeting was one of the series of consultations held at intervals by the mayors to discuss supply-and-price questions. The meeting also decided to request that the price of fish be fixed.

SWEDISH PAPER SCORES HITLER'S THREAT TO STOP JEWISH LAUGHTER

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 6, (JTA)— Hitler's threat to Jews that "their laughter will cease everywhere," which he voiced in his address at the Sport Palace in Berlin last week, is sharply condemned today by the Swedish conservative newspaper, Nya Wermlands-Tidningen.

"One recoils in horror before the cold, deliberate cynicism of these words, envisioning a tormented, miserable people," the paper writes. "They have been baited, hunted without limit. Relentless persecutions have been carried out with methodical profundness, and the concentration camps in which they have been placed have written a new chapter in the history of European 'civilization.' Their horrible fate, and the misery into which they have been plunged, appeals to the sympathy of the ordinary people. Hitler is exalted above such human weakness and looks forward to a world wherein fanaticism and racial hatred will obliterate all chance for life.

"If Hitler attains his goal, laughter will certainly become a rare thing in our world. Joy has already died in Poland, Belgium, Holland, France, Greece, Yugoslavia, Denmark and Norway," the paper concludes.

NAZI SOLDIERS USE JEWISH INFANTS FOR FOOTBALLS, JEWISH RED ARMY MAN RELATES

KUBYSHEV, Oct. 6, (JTA)— A Red Army soldier now fighting on the Stalingrad front today gave an account of a horrible massacre of Jewish children which took place last July in Pogrebistohi, in the Nazi-occupied Kiev district, from where he escaped last month.

In a story appearing in the Soviet press, the soldier, twenty-six-year-old Abraham Fivusovitch, stated that one rainy day last July 600 Jewish families from the towns of Lipovitz, Kasatin and Skadra were driven to Pogrebistohi. There the men were ordered to the Rozhovoutsky Forest where they hauled logs for four days. On the fifth day they were assembled and instructed by an Italian officer to clean the athletic stadium in Pogrebistohi "otherwise they would be hung from the logs they hauled into town." By July 27 the stadium was cleared. That evening all the Jews - men, women and children, well or ill - were ordered to be at the stadium. The men were placed in one section and the women in another. The women, of whom there were about 500, were instructed to hold their children in their arms.

"A few minutes after we had all assembled, a group of German soldiers, dressed in athletic uniforms, entered the stadium," Fivusovitch relates. "The Germans snatched the infants from their mothers' arms and used them for balls, bouncing and kicking them around the arena. In a short time the ground was drenched with blood and the stadium was filled with the anguished cries of the women whose children were being murdered before their eyes. I succeeded in escaping that same night, and reached the Red Army lines in August. I learned, however, that many of the Jews who had been forced to witness the massacre became insane while others died of fright."

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DONATES \$60,000 MACHINERY FOR ORT SCHOOL TO TRAIN WAR WORKERS

MONTREAL, Oct. 6, (JTA)— The federal Government in Canada has donated machinery worth \$60,000 for a new ORT institution to train war workers, it was announced here today by Louis Fitch, president of the Canadian ORT Organization. The new vocational training school, located in Montreal, will open soon with an annual capacity of about 600 trainees, men and women, who will be employed in war factories upon completing the short-term courses in mechanical trades.

ONLY 100,000 JEWS LEFT BY THE NAZIS IN WARSAW GHETTO; MASS-DEPORTATIONS CONTINUE

GENEVA, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- Only about 100,000 Jews have been left by the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto where only a few months ago 500,000 Jews were concentrated, it was reliably reported here today on the basis of information reaching Switzerland from occupied Poland.

Large-scale mass-deportations of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto have been going on during the last few months. The Jews are being deported to unknown destinations. Families are being torn apart, probably never to be reunited. The deportations have increased since the dissolution by the Gestapo of the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto which followed the suicide of Adam Czerniakow, president of the Council, who preferred to take his life rather than sanction the first mass-deportation of 100,000 Jews from the ghetto to the devastated sections of Nazi-occupied Russia.

Deportations of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto are now taking place every day, the information reaching here states. It emphasizes that the Nazis have definitely embarked on a program of "dissolving" all ghettos in Poland by deporting the Jews from there to unknown destinations in devastated regions.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR URGES U.S. TO PLAN POST-WAR RELIEF FOR EUROPE

TORONTO, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- A recommendation that the United States, as the leading world power, should take upon itself the responsibility of planning and preparing post-war relief for the people of Europe, suffering from mass-starvation and epidemics, was made here today in a report submitted by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to the 62nd annual convention of the AFL which opened here yesterday. Another recommendation urges that racial equality be assured in the European continent after the fall of the Nazi regime.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, addressing a protest meeting against Nazi atrocities held at the Royal Park Hotel here, pointed out that what is happening to the Jews of Europe "is our business." He emphasized that the campaign which Hitler started against the Jews was but camouflage to hide his preparations for the present war. "How could any community witness the expatriation of the Jews, the deprivation of their civil rights, their displacement from the economic life, the beatings and the concentration camps and the pogroms, without becoming aware of the danger to itself?" he asked. He expressed his confidence in the defeat of Nazism and in the post-war establishment of a democratic society where there will be no distinction between people as to race, religion or color.

SWISS GOVERNMENT APPOINTS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO SUPERVISE REFUGEE PROBLEMS

BERN, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- The Swiss Government has appointed a special commissioner in charge of refugee problems as a result of the recent influx into Switzerland of more than 2,000 refugees from France, it was announced here today.

It was stated at the same time over the Swiss radio that persons who have fled to Switzerland may be exempt from penalties for illegal crossing of the border if this is justified by the seriousness of their situation.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO MODIFY THE NATURALIZATION PROCESS BY EASING REQUIREMENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- Stating that "certain parts of the present procedure too often serve to lower the morale of non-citizens, who become discouraged and confused by the lengthy waiting periods involved in each step of the naturalization process, unnecessary technicalities and arbitrary procedure," the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born today urged adjustment of the naturalization procedure as a "war-time necessity" in a special memorandum submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The memorandum recommends substitution of a new 6-step procedure for the naturalization of non-citizens in place of the present 12 steps required before an alien can become an American citizen. It recommends also that the present requirements for a Certificate of Lawful Entry be made less severe and that the present date of July 1, 1924, be advanced to 1930.

Two other recommendations are the elimination of educational and literacy requirements for non-citizens, 50 years of age or older, who have resided in the United States since 1924 and that the naturalization laws be amended to enable all non-citizens inducted into the armed forces of the United States to become citizens immediately, regardless of the manner in which they entered the country.

CLERGYMEN OF ALL FAITHS MEET TO STUDY POST-WAR RESPONSIBILITIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- The Institute for Religious Studies, a graduate school conducted by Catholic, Jewish and Protestant scholars, opened today at the Jewish Theological Seminary. This institute has been established by a gift from Lucius N. Littauer to enable ministers of all faiths to study under the guidance of eminent theologians of the various denominations.

The general trend of the lectures and seminar discussions is to inculcate a sense of responsibility as they bring together the various approaches to the problem of postwar reconstruction of particular interest to religious leaders and teachers.

PILOTS NAME FLYING FORTRESS AFTER BABY OF JEWISH CAPTAIN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 6.(JTA)-- A flying fortress at Hickam Field, Hawaii, bears the name of "Vicki," having been christened just two weeks after the birth of a daughter, "Vicki," to Mrs. Maurice Broner of this city. Capt. Broner's crewmates named the sturdy flying boat after his daughter, he cabled his wife here.

JEWISH AIRMAN FROM CANADA AWARDED DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS IN ENGLAND

TORONTO, Oct. 6.(JTA)-- Flight-Lieutenant Albert E. Glazer of this city has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at ceremonies "somewhere in England," it was learned here today.

A graduate of the engineering school of the University of Toronto, Glazer joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in January, 1941. For over a year he was stationed at Malta, attached to the fighter squadrons that fought off the hordes of Nazi bombers which constantly besieged that much-bombed island.