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ITALIAN CHURCH LEADERS PROTEST TO MUSSOLINI AGAINST PERSECUTION OF JEWS

ZURICH, Oct. 11.(JTA)— The Bishops of Rome, Turin, Milan, Trieste, Fiume and Padua have made strong protests to Premier Mussolini against the persecution of Jews in Italy, it is revealed in the Regime Fascista, which reached here today.

The Regime Fascista, which is published by Roberto Farinacci, formerly secretary of the Fascist party and the chief anti-Semitic propagandist in Italy, mentions the protests only obliquely in an attack on the Church leaders, since the Italian press was forbidden to publish any reports of the Bishops' action. It warns the Catholic leaders that the Church will be excluded from participation in the "New Order" in Europe if some members of the clergy persist in showing pity for Jews.

"The Church's obstruction of the practical solution of the Jewish problem constitutes a crime against the new Europe," the Fascist paper declares. "Sincere Catholics must convince themselves that the future of Catholicism in a new Europe will be linked with the Church's contribution to the New Order by struggling for the utmost liberation of Europe from the leprosy of Judaism. One of Judaism's most formidable allies in Italy is the blissful ignorance on the Jewish question prevailing among the Italian clergy."

Regime Fascista also laments the fact that the newly-created Fascist centers for "the study of the Jewish problem" have encountered great difficulties because "there are few students of this burning question and there is a dearth of anti-Semitic material in Italy."

NEW LAW GUARANTEES NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZENS IN PALESTINE WILL NOT LOSE CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.(JTA)— Naturalized American citizens in Palestine have been relieved of the fear that their citizenship would be forfeited, as a result of the bill signed yesterday by President Roosevelt, which suspends the clause in the Neutrality Act of 1940 requiring American citizens living abroad to return here every two years to retain their citizenship. The bill was passed because war conditions make it impossible for naturalized citizens outside the United States to comply with the Neutrality Act clause.

Last June the American Citizens Association in Tel Aviv, which represents the 3,000 naturalized American Jews living in Palestine, appealed to the United States State Department for extension of the time allowed them to stay in Palestine without losing their citizenship. The appeal pointed out that American citizens in the Holy Land were unable to secure transportation home.

180 PERSONS, MOSTLY JEWS, ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST, SENT TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS

BERNE, Oct. 11.(JTA)— One hundred and eighty persons, mostly Jews, have been arrested in Bucharest and sent to concentration camps, it was announced today over the Bucharest radio. They were charged with "crimes" ranging from spreading enemy propaganda to insulting the Rumanian nation.

AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN TOLD OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO JEWS IN EUROPE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- The responsibility of Jewish women in America to aid their sisters in war-torn Europe was outlined here today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, addressing the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations.

Paying homage to a number of European Jewish women who have displayed outstanding courage in the face of Nazi brutality, Mr. Hyman appealed to the Jewish women in the United States to remember not only their American duties, but also their Jewish duties.

"It is a primary obligation of the American Jewish women always to keep in the forefront of their thoughts the suffering and need of their sisters in Europe," Mr. Hyman said. "For European Jews today have only one source of help and hope left; can look in only one direction for their salvation. Their faces are turned toward us and we must respond not only through tangible activities which spell help, but through feelings of solidarity and comradeship that spell hope. The sacrifices which we must make to accomplish this are indeed insignificant in comparison with the sacrifice of blood which they have made for a decade and which they are continuing to make today.

"There is still another responsibility which American Jewish women have; that of preserving a culture which is as old as recorded history. We American Jews are now guardians of Jewish tradition. We cannot expect that our co-religionists in Europe, barely able to exist, will do much more than keep body and soul together. They have transferred to us the torch of Jewish learning, and the duty devolves upon American Jewish womanhood to see that that flame does not go out. Religious worship, Jewish education, maintenance of the synagogue and community center - these are but a few of the tasks which come to mind. Above all, women must hand down to today's Jewish children the tradition of our faith - a faith whose light is so clear and warming that it has helped to keep alive myriads at their lowest ebb," Mr. Hyman declared.

450TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY OF AMERICA OBSERVED TODAY IN SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- Synagogues throughout the country - Orthodox, Conservative and Reform - will observe tomorrow the 450th anniversary of the discovery of America by services of thanksgiving and by reading a special declaration prepared by the Synagogue Council of America.

"The opening up of the new continent has spoiled solace for generations of Jews," the declaration says. "Following the wake of Columbus, Jewish exiles together with others have escaped westwards across the Atlantic Ocean to find in America a new life of physical and spiritual freedom. They have found here a rebirth of hope, far from the oppression and cruelty which had been their birthright in many parts of Europe. More especially in the United States of America, since that day 288 years ago when the first handful of Jews landed in New Amsterdam in flight from the threat of religious intolerance, up to the most recent chapter which is one of the most tragic in Israel's tragedy-laden history, these United States have been a blessed loving mother to untold myriads of the "tribe of the wandering foot and weary breast."

The principal celebration of the Synagogue Council of America will be held in New York at the oldest Congregation in America, the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, Shearith Israel.

HIGH NAZI OFFICIAL APPALLED AT MISERY IN GHETTO, APOLOGIZES TO JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- The misery prevailing among the Jews in the ghettos in Nazi-held Poland is too much even for Werner Schramm, the hard-boiled Nazi official whom Hitler has appointed as leader of the German youth in occupied Poland.

In an interview published in the German press which reached here today, Schramm admits that what he saw in the Jewish ghetto in Mlava, near Warsaw, made such an impression on him that he found it necessary to apologize to the leaders of the Jewish community there for the sufferings which they are undergoing.

"I visited the president of the Jewish Community Council and I told him that I am a sincere member of the National Socialist Party and a true follower of Hitler, whose extermination campaign against the Jews, I explained, is directed exclusively against the Jewish plutocrats of London and Washington."

Relating his impressions of the terrible conditions under which the Jews live in the Mlava ghetto, the high Nazi official said that there are now 5,000 Jews in Mlava confined in a ghetto surrounded by a rotten wood fence. "They live within the limits of a very small space in small wooden or half-ruined brick houses with the wind whistling through the walls," he reported. "There are four families occupying one dwelling. The children, barefooted and dirty, are in the streets most of the time. The gates of the ghetto are guarded by blue-uniformed Jewish policemen armed with rubber truncheons."

GEN. SOMERVELL LAUDS VALOR OF JEWS IN ALL U.S. WARS; ROOSEVELT GREET'S JEWISH VETERANS

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 11.(JTA)-- Lieut. Gen. Brohcn Somervell, chief of the Army's services of supply, speaking here last night before the 47th annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, lauded the valor which Jews have displayed in all the wars of the United States and denounced as traitors and saboteurs those who spread prejudice against persons of any race, color or religion.

Prior to Gen. Somervell's address the delegates heard a message of greeting from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, citing the fighting tradition established by American Jews. The message, addressed to National Commander Kaufman, read as follows:

"May I extend through you, to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, my very sincere felicitations on the occasion of your forty-seventh annual convention.

"The efforts of the Jewish War Veterans, particularly during the past nine months, toward greater participation in the war activities of the United States, are well known to me. In those efforts your organization is but following the example established by Americans of the Jewish faith during the Revolutionary period and in every other crisis in the history of our country. In the spirit of that fine tradition I trust your members will always carry on."

National Commander Benjamin Kaufman, whom Gen. Somervell cited as a symbol of Jewish valor, pledged the full resources of the JWV towards winning the war and securing an enduring peace of honor and justice. A symposium on anti-Semitism held earlier in the day heard Frank Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board; Milton Weil of the JWB; Prof. James Sheldon of the Anti-Nazi League; Col. M. C. Kahn of the B'nai B'rith and Rabbi Fineberg of the American Jewish Committee. Another symposium, on Civilian Aid to the Government during war-time, was addressed by representatives of the WPB, FBI, OCD and OPA.

NATURALIZATION PROCEDURE SPEEDED UP BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- The procedure for the naturalization of citizens has been speeded up in recent weeks to encourage 3,000,000 eligible aliens to take advantage of this privilege, Sylvester Pindyok, supervisor of the special inspection unit of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, told the national board of directors of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, meeting in the Hotel Biltmore yesterday.

Explaining that the number of examiners in this branch of the service has been increased 60 percent since the beginning of the year, Mr. Pindyok declared that the records showed that applicants of last March were now being called for examination. "This means that the waiting period has been reduced by approximately eleven months," he stated.

STUDIES OF POST-WAR JEWISH PROBLEMS PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- The publication of the first two units of the projected work "Jewish Post-War Problems - A Study Course," prepared by the staff of the Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems of The American Jewish Committee, was announced today by Max Gottschalk, director of the Institute. The two units, published in pamphlet form, deal with the subjects "Why Study Post-War Problems?" and "The Two World Wars - A Comparison and Contrast."

In addition to the complete coverage of the topics in the form of lectures, all units contain selected readings, consisting of statements and articles by outstanding authorities. Among the authors represented in the first two units are President Roosevelt, Vice President Wallace, Prof. Morris R. Cohen, Prof. S. W. Baron and Prof. L. B. Nauder. The course is a cooperative undertaking by the staff of the Research Institute under the editorship of Abraham G. Dukor, assisted by Rabbi Michael Alper. The six remaining units of the Study Course will be published at frequent intervals.

The Study Course was prepared in the interest of making a contribution towards the education of the community on the very important issue of the place of Jews in the post-war world. According to Dr. Gottschalk, the many requests for copies from national and local organizations of all types prove the wide interest of the community in serious adult education projects, if presented in popular form.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH LEADERS WILL DISCUSS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN RELIGION

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.(JTA)-- Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, announced today that they are calling a conference of Jewish leaders to discuss with them the development of a consistent, integrated program for the Seminary in its efforts to strengthen the Jewish faith and the democratic tradition.

"The enemy of civilization has made the destruction of Judaism a primary element in his war-aims. However, his attack on the Jewish faith is obviously but one phase of an onslaught on all western religion. The preservation of Judaism thus becomes, more clearly than ever, an essential element in the defense and advancement of civilization," Governor Lehman said in the announcement.