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NAZIS RESUME MASS-DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS FROM HOLLAND AND BELGIUM; SUICIDES REPORTED

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- Mass-deportations of Jews from The Hague and from Amsterdam were resumed this week by the Nazi authorities in occupied Holland according to reliable reports reaching here today.

In Amsterdam, the reports disclose, Jews faced with deportation to the East are committing suicide. Information received by Jews in Holland whose relatives were deported several weeks ago, reveals that many of the expelled Dutch Jews have been executed by the Nazis in occupied Russian territory to where they were originally sent for forced labor.

In deporting Jews from The Hague, the Nazi occupational authorities this week instituted a new system. Instead of deporting only adults, they are now expelling entire families, herding them into trains for transportation to unknown destinations.

A report from Belgium reaching here today states that all the foreign-born Jews who have been held in the concentration camp at Malines for deportation to eastern territory are now being transported to Calais and other places on the French coast to work on fortifications which the German authorities are building there in fear of a possible invasion by the armies of the Allied nations.

An order issued by the German occupational authorities in Belgium forbids Jewish shoemakers to either produce or repair shoes without a special permit, for each pair, from the Commissariato for Jewish Affairs. All Jewish shoemakers in Belgium must register with the authorities, who have warned them that severe punishment will be inflicted for violations of the order.

30,000 JEWS EXECUTED IN SERBIA; NAZIS ORDER JEWS FROM SALONICA INTO MOUNTAINS

ISTANBUL, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- More than 30,000 Yugoslavian Jews have been massacred in Axis-occupied Serbia by the occupational authorities, according to information reaching official Yugoslavian circles here today. Several thousand Jews who escaped execution have either joined the ranks of the Yugoslav partisans or are living in the mountains as nomads, the report said.

Nazi occupational authorities in Salonica, Greece, have forced the few Jews remaining there to move to the surrounding mountain villages, Greek circles here disclosed today, expressing the fear that the Nazis intend to execute these Jews, later, on the pretext that they are cooperating with guerrilla fighters.

A news broadcast from Budapest, heard here today, stated that Hungary still has 1,000,000 Jews "opposed to the aims of the Hungarian nation." The statement was attributed to Johan Bareszy, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, and apparently included the Jewish population of the parts of Rumania and Yugoslavia annexed by Hungary.

ZOA AND HADASSAH CONVENTIONS REVIEW ZIONIST WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- War-time progress of Zionist activities in the United States and the contributions made by the Zionist movement in America to the war effort of the United Nations, were reviewed here today at the opening sessions of the annual conventions of the Zionist Organization of America and of the Hadassah which are being held at the Hotel New Yorker and Hotel Pennsylvania, respectively.

Fledging "fullest support and cooperation to the United Nations and to the commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt, in this national crisis," the 1,000 delegates attending the opening convention session of Hadassah, adopted a resolution recommending complete mobilization of the group's 105,000 senior and junior members "in every phase of the war effort."

Reports presented to the convention of the Zionist Organization of America emphasized that despite their preoccupation with the war needs of the United States, members of the ZOA continued large scale Zionist activities. More than 11,000 new members joined the organization in the course of the year, and for the first time in the history of the Zionist movement, the ZOA has achieved a membership of 50,000. The deficit of the organization has been reduced from \$85,000, last year, to \$35,000 at present.

Delegates to the ZOA convention also heard a report on the negotiations initiated by Dr. Weizmann with representatives of the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and Jewish Labor Committee for the purpose of arriving at an agreement on a unified program of action for American Jewry, particularly in regard to the post-war period. "A good deal of progress has been made in these discussions, but it is still uncertain whether it will be possible in the end to establish a complete identity of views," the report emphasized.

The keynote address at the Hadassah convention was delivered by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, national president. She called upon the Zionist movement "to answer the cry of the Jewish masses for release from suffering" and pointed out that "no group has more at stake in the post-war world than the Jews." Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, American Affairs chairman of Hadassah, urged co-operation with nationally recognized groups that are studying post-war problems. She disclosed that 83 of Hadassah's 600 chapters and groups have to date sold \$2,631,514 worth of War Bonds and Stamps and that the organization expects to quadruple the total sales when final figures are in from the rest of the units.

SGT. MEYER LEVIN AWARDED NEW DECORATION IN AUSTRALIA FOR BOMBING JAPANESE TRANSPORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- Sgt. Meyer Levin, Jewish youth from Brooklyn, who gained nation-wide fame when he sank the Japanese battleship Haruna, while acting as bombardier on the plane piloted by Captain Colin Kelly, has added another decoration to the Distinguished Flying Cross he already wears, it was reported today in copyrighted press association dispatches from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia.

Sgt. Levin has been awarded the Silver Star for successfully bombing a 15,000-ton Japanese transport during the battle of the Coral Sea. In the face of withering anti-aircraft fire, Levin dropped eight 500-pound bombs directly on the bow of the Japanese vessel. Returning to its base, Sgt. Levin's plane ran out of fuel just as it reached friendly territory and he and the other crew members were forced to bail out.

SLOVAKIA DENIES NAZIS ASKED HALTING OF DEPORTATION OF JEWS TO POLAND

ZURICH, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- Slovakian authorities have denied that Germany has asked them to halt the deportation of Jews to Poland because of the scarcity of food there, it is reported in the Grenzboten, Bratislava daily, reaching here today.

Samu Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior, in a broadcast today over the Bratislava radio, declared that only 19,000 of Slovakia's 90,000 Jews remain in the country and that they too will be deported shortly. Mach stated that confiscation of shops, factories, land and houses belonging to Jews was proceeding rapidly.

Meanwhile, a Czech land owner, Joseph Ondrich, was fined 500 crowns for hiding several Jews in his villa in the Tatra mountains, in an attempt to prevent their deportation, the Grenzboten reported.

ROOSEVELT IS URGED TO PERSONALLY INTERVENE WITH LAVAL AGAINST JEWISH DEPORTATIONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- A plea to President Roosevelt to personally request Pierre Laval, the head of the French Government in Vichy, "to abide by rules of decency and the dictates of humanity" and discontinue the deportation of Jews from unoccupied France to Nazi territories, was made here today by Congressman Emanuel Celler in a letter addressed to the President.

Pointing out that "the whole world stands aghast at the continued pogroms and persecutions of helpless Jews in unoccupied France," the Jewish congressman says in his letter: "Perhaps Premier Laval might listen to you. At least, it may not be inappropriate for me, as a Representative in Congress and an ardent supporter of your administration, proud of my friendship with you, to request earnestly that you address to Pierre Laval a personal remonstrance and a plea that he cease his depredations upon the Jewish people in unoccupied France. Assuredly it cannot be amiss for you to draw his attention, for example, to the fact that thousands of these Jews he orders pillaged, volunteered in the French Army as soon as war broke out to risk their lives for the preservation of France.

"There is ample precedent for the suggested action. In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt vehemently inveighed against the Czar of Russia for his massacre of the Jews of Kishinof, then the capital of Bessarabia, Russia. The Nation rejoices in your announcement that our country is prepared to cooperate in a United Nations commission, to be established after the war for the investigation of the war crimes of the Axis, with the intention to mete out just and sure punishment to ringleaders responsible for the organized murder of thousands of innocent persons and the commission of atrocities."

"The Nation also welcomes the announcement of Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles that we plan to permit the immigration of refugee children from France whose parents have been summarily seized and deported. But, in addition, I hope you may specifically call Pierre Laval to task and beseech him to cease his cruelties. Your appeal may now act as a deterrent and prevent future atrocities. Your effort may be abortive, but the world of humanity will long remember. In any event, your accusing finger might well be pointed at Pierre Laval for posterity to recognize as the new Torquemada," the letter concludes.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT DEPRIVES THOUSANDS OF JEWS OF CITIZENSHIP

ZURICH, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- The Rumanian Government today published a list of 14,000 persons, mostly Jews, who have been deprived of their citizenship "because they joined the Russians when the Soviet troops retracted from Bessarabia," the Bucharest radio announced.

A. F. OF L. CONVENTION ASKS POST-WAR RIGHTS FOR JEWS IN EUROPE AND PALESTINE

TORONTO, Oct. 14. (JTA)-- The American Federation of Labor, holding its 47th annual convention here, today adopted a declaration condemning Nazi brutalities against Jews and urging the United Nations "to remember the claims and sufferings of the Jewish people and to take steps to guarantee freedom and equality to them in their adopted countries, as well as their independence under the Balfour Declaration on the soil of Palestine."

The declaration, read by Mathew Well, vice-president of the A.F. of L., was presented to the convention by the Committee on International Labor Relations of the organization. It was preceded by a report on Nazi atrocities in occupied European countries, delivered by Julius Hochman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The text of the declaration reads:

"The American Federation of Labor has ever been the friend and champion of the oppressed and persecuted and has always been the stalwart guard of the rights of minorities, whether of nations or of peoples. We would, therefore, again pledge our sole support to the issues of freedom for every nation oppressed and persecuted by the despicable and hateful Nazi 'conqueror.' We again pledge our fraternal and moral support to the claims of every oppressed national minority within every land, and the claims of any persecuted racial minorities now suffering under the yoke of the tyrant.

"Traditionally, the American Federation of Labor has affirmed its sympathy with one of the most unjustly and tragically persecuted of all minorities - the Jewish people. At present, this unfortunate group of the human brotherhood is enduring not only the usual barbarous and detestable excesses of the Nazis towards conquered people - it is being subjected to a program of systematic extermination which puts all its past sufferings into the shade. We again reiterate and emphasize our profound sympathy with the Jewish people. We assure them of our warm support in their just claims to that moral and practical recognition which is due to any historic ethnic and cultural group.

Demands Collective Security for Jews at End of War

"We deplore the incredible brutality which activates the behavior of their Nazi oppressors. We declare our complete sympathy with the national aspirations of the Jewish people towards collective security at the end of the present war. Since a start towards such security was made in the establishment of the national homeland in Palestine for the Jewish people, we reaffirm our belief that the United Nations owe to them the continuance and the maintenance of this homeland as a relief from their dreadful and inhuman persecutions, as a guarantee of their cultural unity and continuity, as an instrument for their legal and international standing in the court of nations, and as a restitution for their national dignity, honor and creative energies.

"In the post-war period of world reorganization that lies ahead, when the United Nations come to the problems of restoring the integrity of nations and groups now suffering under the lash of vile tyranny, we urge that they remember also the claims and sufferings of the Jewish people, and take steps to guarantee freedom and equality to them in their adopted countries, as well as their independence, under the Balfour declaration, on the soil of Palestine." The declaration concludes with greetings to the Histadruth, promising "maximum international aid for an early reconstruction of Jewish nationhood in Palestine."

BIRO-BIDJAN ONE OF FIRST REGIONS IN RUSSIA TO COMPLETE WINTER PLOWING

BIRO-BIDJAN, U.S.S.R., Oct. 14.(JTA)-- The Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan has completed its winter ploughing, the first section in the entire Chabarowsk region to do so, it was announced here today.

In connection with this announcement, the Jewish authorities here released an account of the contributions which youth in this Jewish republic have made to the war effort. A group of school children planted 1,000 tobacco plants, cultivated the plants, assorted the leaves when they were full grown, and packed them into more than 1,000 packages which have been sent to Red Army men at the front. Several acres of potatoes were planted, which, when harvested, were sent to the troops. A large quantity of medicinal plants, needed by the medical services, were picked and dried.

Groups of school children also gave concerts and made collections among the people to raise funds to send to aid children who had suffered at the hands of the Germans and to provide recreational facilities for Red Army men convalescing in the hospitals. Since the beginning of the present school year the young Jewish students have collected several tons of scrap iron and non-ferrous metals, which are needed by the Soviet steel mills.

The adults in Biro-Bidjan have been equally active in spurring production for the war, it was disclosed, at a meeting this week of the metallurgists' artel here. Various speakers discussed the production during the month of September and mentioned several Jewish workers who had distinguished themselves in the factories. Among those particularly praised by M. Gankin, chairman of the artel, was G. Smidun, manager of the production shop, who spent eighteen consecutive days in his shop, so as to get out an important order for the army.

ROSENWALD HOPES REFUGEES WILL NO LONGER BE CLASSIFIED AS "ENEMY ALIENS"

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- The hope that the exemption of unnaturalized Italians from the class of "enemy aliens" which was announced this week, will eventually be extended also to loyal immigrants who entered the United States as refugees from Axis countries, was expressed here today in a statement issued by William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service.

"It was with gratification that I heard Attorney General Biddle's announcement exempting unnaturalized Italians from the enemy alien regulations," the statement said. "It was equally encouraging to learn that the Department of Justice is sympathetically considering the status of other loyal persons. This statement should hold high hope and promise for expatriated peoples whose loyalty to the United States has been attested to on so many occasions. It is my personal observation that the confidence which the U.S. Government now reposes in our Italian group can justifiably be extended to others who look upon America as the homeland to which they owe their complete loyalty, even though they now are classified as "enemy aliens."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING DISCUSSES JEWISH RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.(JTA)-- Reports on religious observances, the publication of a Bible calendar and on other questions concerning Jewish religious life were presented to the Synagogue Council of America at its meeting today at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. A message from President Roosevelt expressing hopes "for a successful gathering which will advance the highest ideals of American citizenship" was read at the meeting.