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PANIC AMONG JEWS IN DENMARK AND NORWAY; HALF OF NORWEGIAN JEWISH POPULATION ARRESTED

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16.(JTA)-- Panic prevails among the Jews in Denmark and Norway as a result of intensified anti-Jewish measures taken by the Nazi authorities, under the pretext of extending the "safety regulations" in the two occupied countries.

A report reaching here today from Copenhagen states that the Swedish consulate there is besieged with Jews pleading for visas. Very few Swedish visas are issued, however. Some Jews have tried to reach Sweden in small boats, but were turned back by German naval patrols.

In an effort to prevent Jews from escaping from Denmark, the Nazi authorities have issued an order prohibiting Jews to leave the country. Nazi newspapers in Denmark have started a furious propaganda campaign, charging that Jews are chiefly responsible for the present strained relations between Denmark and Germany. Many Jews in Copenhagen are liquidating their businesses and have their belongings packed, ready to leave for Sweden immediately if they can succeed in securing Swedish visas. They are determined to violate the Nazi order prohibiting Jewish emigration, since they are certain that the Jews of Denmark will soon face the same fate as Jews in other Nazi-held countries.

Deportation of All Jews from Norway Expected

A report from Norway reveals that almost half of the entire Jewish population there has either been imprisoned or interned by the Nazi occupational authorities. Of the approximately 1,500 Jews in the country, less than 800 are still free, the report says. The mass arrests of Jews in Norway is believed to be only a prelude to the deportation of all Jews from the country.

It was established here today that the announcement made over the Nazi-controlled Oslo radio that the chief rabbi of Copenhagen and five leading members of the executive of the Jewish Community have fled to Sweden is without foundation. The Jewish spiritual and lay leaders of Denmark are remaining at their posts in Copenhagen, anxiously watching the situation. They rely on the King and on their Government to protect Danish Jewry from further and more drastic anti-Jewish measures by the Nazi occupational authorities.

At the same time it was learned here that in Norway the Nazi authorities, in addition to arresting Chief Rabbi Samuel, as well as ten of the most prominent Jewish leaders in Oslo, on charges of espionage, have also arrested many leading Jews in Trondheim and other Norwegian towns on the same framed-up charges. The property of all arrested Jews has been confiscated by the German authorities.

JNF LAUNCHES \$2,500,000 LOAN IN AMERICA; HADASSAH DISCUSSES U.S. JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (JTA)-- The floating of a \$2,500,000 Zionist loan in America for the purchase of land in Palestine was announced here today at a luncheon arranged by the Jewish National Fund for the delegates of the 45th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which is scheduled to close on Sunday.

The loan will be repayable within ten years. It will be raised by selling individual subscriptions of \$1,000 each, yielding 4% interest. About \$250,000 has already been subscribed, it was disclosed. The Chase National Bank of New York will act as registrar and paying agent.

This is the second loan of its kind to be offered by the Jewish National Fund. A \$1,000,000 loan was floated in 1939. All obligations resulting from the 1939 issue were met prior to the launching of the new loan, Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the JNF, reported.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader of the Senate, addressing the delegates of the ZOA convention at the luncheon at which the launching of the loan was announced, stated that America is "interested in seeing that the Jewish people shall have the occasion and opportunity to develop their civilization in Palestine." He declared that the program of the Jewish National Fund, providing for the acquisition of soil as the inalienable property of all the Jewish people, to be held in trust for them, might profitably be emulated by other nations. He condemned the "barbarous treatment which Hitler and Hitlerism has accorded to the Jews of the world," and declared that Jews as a race have an enormous stake in this war. He praised the Jewish contribution "in treasure and in blood" to the success of the United Nations.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, addressing the gathering, voiced confidence that the \$2,500,000 loan will be oversubscribed in a very short period. He said that the Jewish National Fund now holds 41% of all Jewish land in Palestine. Dr. Israel Goldstein declared that despite the war and immigration restrictions, the land possessions of the JNF had increased by 125,000 dunams in the last few years. "Those gains have not been made at the expense of the Arab population," he emphasized. Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the JNF, revealed that for the fiscal year ended September 30 \$1,946,108 was raised by the JNF in this country.

The early morning session of the ZOA convention was devoted to a testimonial in honor of Judge Louis E. Levinthal, ZOA president. In the forenoon, the delegates participated in a symposium on "Palestine and the Jews in the Post-War World." Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, presiding, declared that "we are looking forward to a world of international order rather than of chaos under the guise of polite isolationism and disregard of rights of minorities." Another symposium was held on "Administrative Problems" with Daniel Frisch of Indianapolis presiding.

Problems of American Jewish life were discussed at today's session of the Hadassah convention which is being held concurrently with the convention of the ZOA. The character of the American Jewish Community was outlined by Rabbi Milton Steinberg. Dr. David de Sola Pool spoke on the relation of Palestine to American Jewish life. Dr. Pool asked American Jews to look "with pride on the achievements of their brothers in Palestine." Dr. Oscar I. Janowsky spoke on post-war Jewish problems. It was reported at the Hadassah convention that the organization now has 100 study groups for the fostering of Jewish education in 46 states.

FRENCH POLICE FETERING JEWS EN ROUTE TO DEPORTATION CENTERS

ZURICH, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- Jews in unoccupied France are now being fettered when arrested for shipment to concentration camps in the Pyrenees prior to deportation to Nazi-held East European territories, it is reported in a dispatch from Vichy appearing in the Tribune de Lausanne today.

The French gendarmes, apparently acting upon government instructions, tie the hands of the Jews with rope, similar to handcuffs, before leading them from their homes to the railroad stations where they are loaded into freight cars for transportation to the camps. Only Jewish children are left unfettered, and consequently they are forced to carry what luggage the family is permitted to take with them.

A report in the Journal de Geneve today states that units of the French Mobile Guard are now assisting the border patrol along the Franco-Swiss frontier, in order to prevent the escape of any more refugees into Switzerland. Despite these guards, an ever-increasing number of Jews are attempting to flee France, the Geneva daily states.

TWO HISTADRUTH LEADERS EXPELLED FROM PALESTINE LABOR PARTY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- The expulsion of two Histadruth leaders from the Jewish Labor Party of Palestine for breaking the discipline of the party was announced here today following David Ben-Gurion's warning that the party will either have to reorganize itself or be dissolved as a result of internal dissension. The two expelled leaders are Aaron Zisling and Isaac Tobonin.

A review of Zionist activities in America was given here today by Ben-Gurion in a four-hour address before the Small Zionist Actions Committee. At the same time a Laborite conference opened today in Tel Aviv to consider Ben-Gurion's proposal to abolish all fractions within the Jewish Labor Party. The split in the ranks of the party is due chiefly to differences of opinion over the agreement reached with the Revisionists on the question of safety of the Yishuv. While one section of the Jewish Labor Party approved of this agreement, other sections opposed it, with the result that the party is split into three camps.

715 JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS IN RUSSIAN TOWN OF URECHI; GIRLS BURIED ALIVE

MOSCOW, Oct. 16. (JTA)-- The massacre in the Spring of this year of 715 Jews, in the White Russian town of Urechi, was revealed here today from entries in a diary found on a dead German non-commissioned officer.

The dead Nazi, Sgt. Erich Funk, wrote, under the dateline, "Slutzk, May 11," the following: "In Urechi on Saturday we shot 715 Jews and on Monday, that's today, another 40 here. The young Jewish girls pleaded: 'Don't kill us, we want to live.' Many of them did not wait to be shot but jumped into the pit in front of them and were buried alive."

In a later entry, dated June 13, 1942, the Nazi non-com, who evidently was still stationed in Slutzk, wrote: "Jewish men and women who work in the town are driven in the evening to penal labor yards where they work from seven o'clock until midnight. They often receive severe floggings and their hands are covered with bleeding wounds."

The Soviet press today points out that these executions took place several months after the Nazis had entered the town and after the initial massacre of a good part of the town's population, a large number of whom were Jewish.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAILS B'NAI B'RITH'S \$19,000,000 WAR BOND SALE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, (JTA)-- A certificate "for distinguished services rendered" in behalf of the National War Savings Program was presented yesterday in Omaha, Nebraska, to Henry Monsky, national president of B'nai B'rith, by Leon J. Markham, Nebraska State Administrator, War Savings Staff, on behalf of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., according to word received today at B'nai B'rith headquarters.

The presentation was made in recognition of what the War Savings Staff called B'nai B'rith's "great, concrete contribution to the winning of the war" through the organization's nationwide record of \$19,000,000 worth of war bonds sold through B'nai B'rith-sponsored, initiated or conducted rallies, auction sales, house-to-house campaigns, and other sales techniques.

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT OPPOSING BILL PROHIBITING JEWISH IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, (JTA)-- The Bolivian Government is opposing the recent bill introduced in the Chamber of Deputies which would bar the admission of Jews to that country it was made known today through the Inter-American Jewish Council. The bill was introduced by pro-Nazi elements in order to embarrass the Government. It is not likely that it will be passed by the Senate and, in any event, will be vetoed by the President of Bolivia, the Council was assured.

In the protest against this legislation, the first discriminatory immigration statute to be introduced into the Western Hemisphere, thirty-four members of the Argentine Legislature have addressed an open letter of protest to the Bolivian Chamber of Deputies. It is believed that this protest, which stresses the danger inherent in discriminatory legislation of any kind, will have a powerful effect in preventing the passage of the proposed legislation in Bolivia.

CZECH JEWS OPEN DRIVE FOR LIDICE COLONY IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 16, (JTA)-- Hitler has forced Europe to realize that an attack on one faith or religion is an attack upon all, Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Secretary for War, declared here addressing a meeting to launch the campaign of the Masaryk-Gaster Fund for funds to establish a Lidice memorial colony in Palestine. "The idea of connecting Palestine and Czechoslovakia through a new colony of Lidice demonstrates the united spirit of the free peoples," he added.

Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee, declared that he supported the plan to establish the new colony, firstly, in view of Palestine's contribution to the refugee problem, and secondly, as a tribute to the great spirit of Czechoslovakia. Other speakers included the Bishop of London, Lord Strabolgi and Arthur Greenwood and Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labor.

MEXICANS SCORE NAZI TERROR AGAINST JEWS; ASK POST-WAR PUNISHMENT OF RINGLEADERS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 16, (JTA)-- Nazi terror against the Jews and other civilians in occupied Europe was condemned here last night at the closing session of the conference called by leading Mexican liberal organizations to protest against Nazi atrocities.

The conference also assailed the Nazi racial theories and asked that the "brimnals" responsible for the mass-murders of innocent people be punished after the war.

53,000 AUSTRIAN JEWS KILLED AS RESULT OF NAZI INVASION, ARCHDUKE OTTO SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA)-- About 53,000 Austrian Jews have been killed as a result of Hitler's invasion of Austria, it was stated by Archduke Otto, pretender to the throne of Austria, speaking before the National Council of Jewish Women.

Expressing his sympathy with the plight of the hundreds of Austrian Jewish refugees who have been handed over to Hitler by Vichy, the Archduke said that "we Austrians believe that before God and the Nation all men are equal. We make no racial or religious distinctions." In concluding, Otto declared that he was optimistic with regard to the status of Jews in a reconstructed Europe.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE REPORTS TWO BILLS TO EASE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA)-- The Immigration and Naturalization Committee of the House of Representatives today reported favorably two bills designed to ease citizenship requirements for refugees.

One, introduced by Rep. Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrat, would allow members of the armed forces to become citizens, even if they cannot prove they entered the country legally. The other, sponsored by Rep. Thomas H. Eliot, Democrat of Massachusetts, permits enemy aliens to be naturalized if they have close relatives in the armed forces. Ordinarily, aliens of enemy nationality cannot become citizens in war-time.

Both bills will come up on the floor of the house after technical changes suggested by the Justice Department have been included.

BOSTON JEWS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR \$1,258,000 FOR JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

BOSTON, Oct. 15. (JTA)-- With "Sacrifice for Victory" as its slogan, Greater Boston embarked on its \$1,258,000, 1942 Combined Appeal of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and the United Jewish Campaign with a dinner at the Hotel Statler. Speakers were, Governor Leverett Saltonstall, Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, and Dorothy Thompson.

Louis E. Kirstein, president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, in a message calling for sacrifices, said: "What we are asked to do is negligible beside what the millions of our boys in service are doing and will do. Theirs is a contribution of broken homes and broken careers, of blood and pain, of life itself. While they fight for freedom on the war front, we must preserve and keep for them the human values of home and community they have left. Some day, please God, they will return."

GREENLEIGH RESIGNS FROM NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA)-- Announcement of the resignation of Arthur D. Greenleigh from his position as assistant executive director of the National Refugee Service, to accept an executive post with the Operations Division of the War Manpower Commission, was made today by William Rosenwald, president of the refugee aid organization.

Mr. Rosenwald, in making the announcement of the resignation, stated: "While we regret losing Mr. Greenleigh's services, we are happy in the knowledge that his talents and ability will go to the performance of a job so important for wartime America."