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3,000 JEWISH FAMILIES ORDERED TO PREPARE FOR DEPORTATION FROM RUMANIAN TOWN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- Three thousand Jewish families in the city of Bacau, Moldavia, have been ordered by the Rumanian authorities to prepare for deportation to Transnistria, the Axis-occupied part of the Ukraine administered by Rumania, reliable reports reaching here today stated.

This is the first order for the mass-deportation of Jews from the section known as Old Rumania. Hitherto the Jews were deported chiefly from the provinces of Bessarabia and Bukovina. Immediately following issuance of the deportation order the Rumanian authorities threw a police cordon around Bacau to prevent individual Jews from leaving for other cities. The entire population of Bacau, Jewish and non-Jewish, is about 30,000.

A cabled report received here today from Kuibyshev, from Jewish refugees who fled from Bessarabia after the re-occupation of that province by mixed German-Rumanian troops, confirms the report that 83-year-old Chief Rabbi J. L. Zirelsohn was executed in Kishinev. The execution took place on a public square and the body was left lying on the square for several days, the report says.

NORWEGIANS WARNED AGAINST HELPING JEWS TO SAVE PROPERTY FROM CONFISCATION

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- A warning to Norwegians not to help Jews in Norway circumvent the law providing for the confiscation of all Jewish-owned property, which was promulgated this week, was issued in Oslo today by Premier Vidkun Quisling's pro-Nazi government.

The order states that non-Jews found guilty of helping Jews save their property from confiscation will be punished by prison terms ranging up to six years. It emphasizes that the confiscation law entered into effect immediately after it was proclaimed and will also be applied to non-Jews married to Jews as well as to persons with one Jewish parent.

REFUGEES PRESENT FIGHTER PLANE "LOYALTY" TO WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- A check for \$48,500 for the purchase of a fighter plane to be named "Loyalty" was presented to the War Department today by a delegation from the Loyalty Committee of Victims of Nazi and Fascist Aggression, which represents refugees from Nazi and Fascist-occupied Europe.

The check, representing 16,000 individual contributions from all parts of the United States, was handed to Assistant War Secretary Robert M. Lovett by Arthur Cohen, chairman of the Loyalty Committee, who led the delegation. In a statement read to Mr. Lovett, Mr. Cohen said that "this fighter plane will be a fighting symbol of the loyalty to America that is in the hearts of all those who found in America not only a blessed refuge but a new homeland."

MOTION TO REINSTATE EXPELLED MEMBERS REJECTED BY PALESTINE LABORITE CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- A motion to reinstate seven members of the Jewish Labor Party who were recently expelled as a result of internal strife within the group was made today at the conference being held in Kfar Vitkin. The motion received only 99 votes from the 401 delegates attending the conference.

A proposal to refer the question of the reinstatement of the expelled members to a special committee received 203 votes. The opposition group today refused to participate in general debate at the conference until its seven adherents, who were ordered expelled by the party court after being charged with a breach of party discipline, are reinstated.

Aaron Zisling, one of the leaders of the opposition, issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today declaring that he is confident that the Jewish Labor Party will not split if the group led by Ben-Gurion, Shortek and Romos "will find common language" with the opposing section. Speakers of the Ben-Gurion group addressing today's session of the conference all called for an effort to prevent the party's dissolution.

NAZI MILITARY OFFICIALS USING 3,000 JEWISH TAILORS IN TARNOW FOR FORCED LABOR

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- An eye-witness account of what is described as "the largest Jewish work community" in Poland, is contained in a dispatch from the Polish correspondent of the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, a Nazi paper, which was received here today.

At Tarnow, the correspondent writes, about 3,000 Jewish tailors are employed at forced labor for the quartermasters department of the German army. They work under the direct supervision of Nazi military officials. There were formerly 7,000 Jewish tailors in Tarnow, the dispatch states, adding that "the Jews are no longer a decisive element in the business life of the city. All of the 1,350 Jewish-owned enterprises have been taken over by 'Aryan trustees.'"

WILLKIE ASKED TO INTERVENE TO SPEED EMIGRATION OF POLISH JEWS FROM RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- Wendell Willkie, while in Teheran on route to Kuibyshev, received representatives of Jewish groups who gave him a memorandum on the position of the Polish-Jewish refugees in Russia, and asked him to use his influence to obtain emigration permits for them, it was disclosed here today.

Great interest has been aroused in Jewish circles here by the scheduled debate tomorrow in the Polish National Council on the question of alleged discrimination against Jewish soldiers in the Polish army in Russia. The question was put to the government last week by the Jewish deputy Dr. Ignacy Schmartsbart who requested further information on reports that Jews had been removed from Polish units leaving Russia for the Middle East. Fifteen non-Jewish deputies supported his request for an explanation. Foreign Minister Count Edward Raczynski and Minister of War Lieut.-Gen. Marjan Kukiel have been designated by the Government to reply in the Council.

BELGIAN PROTESTANT VICAR APPEALS TO CONGREGATION TO PRAY FOR "TORTURED JEWS"

LONDON, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- The Protestant vicar of a village in the Antwerp district of Belgium has appealed to his congregation to "pray for their persecuted and tortured Jewish brethren," the Belgian Government learned today.

SUCCESSFUL RESETTLEMENT OF EVACUATED JEWS REPORTED FROM SIBERIA AND VOLGA REGION:

KUIBYSHEV, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- Highlights of the successful resettlement of thousands of Jewish evacuees from the Ukraine upon land in the Soviet interior - in villages from the Volga to Siberia - were made public today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here.

Forty Jewish collective farms from the Kherson region were transferred, look, stook and barrel, to Siberia. Agricultural machinery, cattle, seed, feed and other farming equipment and supplies were taken along. Only the bare land was left to the Nazis. Several individual groups of Jewish farmers from the Ukraine have been settled in the Saratov region on the Volga. One of them, headed by the former chairman of a collective farm, Mendel Levin, is tilling the land at Petropavlovsk.

Jews who previously had no knowledge of the land are also working on farms in the Saratov district. Moishe Borukhovitch, a fifty-six-year-old postal employee from Dniepropetrovsk is one of the most active workers on the collective farm at Kurilovka. The Shenger family from Iamsoal in Bessarabia are in the Bessonovka collective. Several of the women in the family work as milk-maids, others as tractor drivers and field hands; and the men are training to be chauffeurs and operators of other farm machinery.

Evacuated Jews are continuing their work and learning new skills in other fields besides agriculture, the committee stated. Reports reaching here from Namanagan, one of the principal cities in the Uzbek Republic, disclose that among the many evacuees who have been settled there are Jewish artists, writers, composers and scientists. The composer Hirschfield has been studying Uzbek music and folk melodies and has prepared two musical spectacles for the theatre. The architect Rotatsch has unearthed much interesting data concerning Uzbek architecture. A great sensation has been aroused by discoveries on the functioning of the central nervous system by the Moscow scientist Fibrholtz.

NAZIS URGE MOSLEMS TO PURGE THE KORAN OF "JEWISH INFLUENCES"

CAIRO, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- After having devised a "German Christianity," divorced from its Jewish roots, the Nazis are now suggesting a similar reform of the Islamic religion.

In an Arabic broadcast from Germany today it was alleged that "various interpretations of the Koran are to be attributed to the Jews who became Moslems to falsify the teachings of the Koran as they falsified those of the New Testament." The broadcast appealed to Mohammedan theologians to "rectify these misconceptions."

N.R.S. POLLS 3,000 REFUGEE DOCTORS FOR WAR SERVICE IN CIVILIAN POSTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- As part of its program to facilitate full utilization of refugee doctors in the war effort, the National Committee for Resettlement of Foreign Physicians, affiliated organization of the National Refugee Service, has sent a questionnaire to its 3,000 registrants to ascertain their availability for filling essential civilian medical posts, it was announced here today. The project is being carried out at the behest of the Office of Procurement and Assignment, and the results will be used by that body in determining how refugee doctors may best be utilized for filling temporary practices and institutional positions on a war-duration basis.

The step follows a recent Army reversal of a previous ruling that foreign physicians who became naturalized after three months service were eligible for commissions. Opportunities for refugees to serve as physicians with the Army are now severely limited.

CANADIAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PREPARE TO RECEIVE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM FRANCE

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- Detailed plans for the reception and the placement of 1,000 refugee children from France whom the Canadian Government has agreed to admit were discussed by leaders of Canadian Jewry at a meeting of the dominion executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, under the chairmanship of Mr. Samuel Bronfman, it was announced here today.

Saul Hayes, director of the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies and of the Canadian Jewish Congress, reported at the meeting that steamers have already been chartered to bring the children from Europe. He announced that the government of Canada had accepted the guarantee of the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Committee for the maintenance and care of these children. "Our organization has enjoyed the most generous cooperation of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee which has placed at our disposal the experience of their staff as well as their valuable contacts in France and in the countries of probable transit," he added.

Delegates from Toronto and Winnipeg stated that their communities are as eager as Montreal and other centers to assist in placing the young refugees. Hundreds of inquiries and offers of homes have already been made since announcement of the plan. In the major Jewish centers of the Dominion, Jewish organizations which may be able to assist in various phases of the work have been consulted and have given the warmest assurances of cooperation, it was stated.

Jewish Internees Released; Successful Fight Against Anti-Semitism

The problem of the interned refugees who were brought to Canada from Great Britain is rapidly being solved, it was reported, as the government is permitting increasingly greater numbers to accept employment in vital war work. The ORT Technical School in one internment camp graduated and secured the releases of 45 internees in the last few weeks.

The Canadian government is giving very careful attention to the problem of discrimination against Jews in industry, especially in war factories, the meeting was told. Mr. Saul Hayes and Prof. J. Finkelstein who discussed this matter with officials in Ottawa were cordially received and were assured that measures to prevent such practices in the future will be taken. Rabbi M. H. Eisendrath was empowered by the meeting to establish a national office to combat race bias in Toronto.

The Jewish community of Quebec City, it was reported, has been seeking permission for ten years to build a synagogue in the district where most of them reside but has met with no success. The Canadian Jewish Congress has interested itself in the problem especially since the Municipal Council of Quebec had passed a resolution forbidding the erection of houses of worship in that district. Confidence was expressed at the meeting that the problem would be solved satisfactorily.

BRITISH ZIONISTS MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

LONDON, Oct. 28.(JTA)-- The Balfour Declaration is lauded as a "permanent beacon light in Jewish history, although it has been whittled away to the point of abandonment by those who should have been proud to carry it out," in an editorial today in the New Judon, monthly organ of the World Zionist Organisation. The editorial asserts that what has hitherto been built in Palestine is only a beginning for what will be built in the future, "whether more or less rapidly."