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ABOLISHMENT OF ANTI-JEWISH LAWS AND RELEASE OF 25,000 REFUGEES EXPECTED IN ALGERIA

LONDON, Nov. 10. (JTA)— It was reported here today that Gen. Henri Giraud, who escaped from a Nazi prison camp and is now in Algeria organizing French forces to fight side-by-side with the American units in North Africa and reorganizing the civil administration there, is expected to re-establish the pro-Vichy French laws and thus free the Jews from the anti-Jewish regulations which the Vichy regime introduced in Algeria, Tunis and Morocco.

About 25,000 Jewish refugees who were sent from France to Algeria for forced labor building the Trans-Saharan railroad in the desert, are also expected to be liberated. The camps in which these refugees are being held are situated in the most tropical section of Algeria, beyond the present scene of operations.

The restoration of the Crémieux Law, proclaimed in 1870, which gave native Jews in Algeria the same civil and political rights as Frenchmen and which was repealed by the Vichy Government in February, 1942 under a special decree abrogating all special legislation on behalf of Jews in Algeria, is also expected by Algerian Jewish leaders. Under the Vichy decree, Jews in Algeria were forced to establish a Jewish Central Union which every Jew in the country was obliged to join. The Union was under the control of an official of the Vichy Commissariat for Jewish Affairs.

There are now more than 110,000 Jews in Algeria of whom about 30,000 live in Oran, 25,000 in Algiers, and about 15,000 in Constantine. There are also thirty-five districts in the interior which have smaller Jewish populations. The number of Jews in French Morocco is more than 160,000 while in Tunisia there are about 60,000 Jews at present.

PALESTINE JEWS ACTIVE IN BRITISH FORCES PURSUING ROMMEL'S ARMY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10. (JTA)— Reports reaching here from the Libyan front reveal that Jewish transport units are playing an important role in supplying ammunition and water to the advanced British forces which are pursuing the shattered remnants of Gen. Rommel's Army, while a number of Palestine Jews who enlisted in the Royal Air Force are working at advanced landing fields. Jewish sapper units are paving the roads and repairing the tanks and vehicles behind the vanguard of the 8th Army.

The total number of Palestine Jews in the British forces as of November 1, was 18,000, it was announced today, including 150 officers of whom nine are majors and 25 are captains. In addition, 2,000 Jewish women are now serving in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, including 150 officers.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN KIMBERLEY REVIVED BY AUSTRALIAN NOTABLES

MELBOURNE, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The proposed settlement of Jewish refugees from European countries on a 7,000,000-acre tract in Kimberley, Australia, which had been endorsed by the West Australian Government but consideration of which was suspended in 1940 as a result of the war, received new impetus today when the Australian press published an appeal signed by fifteen prominent Australians supporting the settlement scheme.

Dr. Isaac N. Steinberg, representative of the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization, who is responsible for proposing the project, is now making an effort to secure its adoption by the Commonwealth Government, emphasizing its importance as a means of strengthening Australia's defenses and in meeting the increased food requirements in connection with the war effort. While Kimberley is of little interest to Australians, its soil is fertile, the climate not too hot for Europeans and rainfall adequate, Mr. Steinberg pointed out today. The project provides that younger Jews, selected by the League, would arrive first to build houses, roads and prepare the land for cultivation under Australian administrators.

JEWISH DEPUTY SUBMITS DATA ON ELIMINATION OF JEWS FROM POLISH ARMY TO SIKORSKI

LONDON, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, today disclosed that he has submitted to Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, further details regarding the alleged elimination of Jewish officers and soldiers from the Polish Army in Russia in order to prevent their leaving for Iran with the Polish troops transported from Russia to the Middle East.

"It is a fact that Jews constitute forty percent of all the Polish citizens now stranded in Russia, whereas among those evacuated from Russia the Jews constitute only about six percent," Dr. Schwarzbart said.

Emphasizing that the representatives of Polish Jewry support the foreign policy of the Polish Government-in-Exile, including the policy of establishing permanent neighborly relations with Russia based upon the independence of the Polish Republic and the integrity of the Polish frontiers, Dr. Schwarzbart declared that the Jewish representatives expect the Russian Government to respect the Polish citizenship of Polish Jews in Russia. At the same time he pointed out that "for the second time since April" he charges the Polish Government with neglecting to lodge any protest with Moscow on the Soviet's decision to treat as Russian citizens all Polish Jews who were on Soviet soil during the plebiscite held on November 1, 1939.

Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister for Social Welfare, was asked at the session of the Polish National Council last night whether it was true that the distribution of clothing and food among the Polish refugees in Russia is conducted in a manner which is unfair and discriminatory to Jews. The Minister replied that he had no knowledge of such discrimination. Dr. Schwarzbart then announced that he would submit a detailed report to Mr. Stanczyk on specific cases of discrimination which have been reported to him.

JEWS IN HOLLAND CAN SEND LETTERS TO DEPORTED RELATIVES ONCE IN THREE WEEKS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The Amsterdam Jewish Community Council has secured the permission of the Nazi authorities to transmit letters from Dutch Jews to their relatives who have been deported to Nazi-held territory for forced labor, it was reported here today. The letters will have to be one-page long, in German, and delivered to the office of the Council which will forward them. No Jew can send more than one letter every three weeks.

240,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS DRIVEN TO DEATH AT FORCED LABOR FOR NAZIS ON RUSSIAN FRONT

MOSCOW, Nov. 10. (JTA)-- About a quarter of a million Hungarian Jews have been driven to the Ukraine for forced labor with the Hungarian and Nazi armies since the outbreak of the Russo-German war, it was revealed today by Soviet military authorities on the basis of information reaching them from captured prisoners and intelligence reports.

The majority of the Jews who were pressed into service at various sectors of the front were killed by the Hungarians and the Germans as soon as they had completed the tasks assigned to them, in accordance with orders from Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, the prisoners disclosed. The Hungarian Jews were used to build roads, construct fortifications, lay mines and clear out Russian mines, the Soviet military authorities state. Frequently they were compelled to work at the most advanced sectors of the front directly under fire from Russian artillery. Last summer, during the Nazi advance to the Don, thousands of these Jewish prisoners were used to construct the German fortifications along the river bank.

In appearance the Jewish laborers look like anything but soldiers, the Russian military officials assert. They are unarmed and dressed in rags. One of the Jews, Laslo Gutman, who recently fled to the Russian lines, reported that he was drafted for forced labor in March, 1942 and assigned to a labor battalion. About a month ago his unit was attached to a Hungarian infantry regiment. The entire Jewish battalion, comprising about 330 men, was doomed to be executed as soon as its work on the roads and fortifications was finished, but Gutman escaped before the construction was completed.

Another Jew who escaped to Russian-held territory, Ferenc Hedvigi, a young electrical engineer, told the Russians that the laborers were governed not by military regulations but by prison rules. When his group arrived at Kurak military police searched all the Jews and confiscated all their money, food, soap, cigarettes and any articles of clothing they wanted, Hedvigi said. "We were not surprised at such treatment," he added, "since we were accustomed to that sort of thing. The commander of the company, Lieut. Tot Szander, instructed guards to beat the Jews and make them work until they are dead. The fewer of them that return home the better."

ABOUT 25,000 JEWS ALREADY DEPORTED FROM BELGIUM TO EASTERN EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10. (JTA)-- Nearly 25,000 Jews already have been deported from Belgium to Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe it is revealed in the Rexist newspaper Le Pays Reel, which reached here today from Brussels. Most of these Jews originally came from Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia, the pro-Nazi paper states.

It estimates that there were approximately 52,000 Jews in Belgium before the war, of whom only 4,000 were native-born. Half of the 48,000 foreign-born Jews have been deported to "a place where they earn their bread by the sweat of their brows according to the law of God," Le Pays Reel writes.

JEWS AND POLES IN ANNEXED SECTION OF POLAND FORBIDDEN TO EAT FISH

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10. (JTA)-- Jews and Poles in the Warthegau, the section of Poland which has been annexed to Germany, have been forbidden to eat fish, it is reported today in the Danziger Vorposten, which is published by the Nazis in the former "free city." Lodz is the only city in the Warthegau where there are still a considerable number of Jews.

PALESTINE JEWS OPEN DRIVE FOR MEDICAL AID FOR RUSSIAN ARMY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Russian Revolution the Palestine Victory League for Russia proclaimed a drive this week for Palestine-made medicines, medical instruments and ambulances to be sent as a gift to the Russian army.

Mass-meetings all over Palestine are adopting resolutions greeting the Russian fighting forces and sending "brotherly sympathy" to the Jews of Russia.

ENEMY ALIENS HAVE RIGHT TO SUE IN AMERICA, SUPREME COURT RULES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- Even while the United States is at war with the countries from which they come, enemy aliens living here are fully entitled to bring lawsuits in our courts, an undivided Supreme Court ruled yesterday in an opinion by Justice Black.

The decision had the complete support of the government, for within ten days after a lower court held otherwise last January Attorney General Biddle issued an order assuring the privilege of suit to alien enemies.

SIR SAMUEL JOSEPH INDUCTED AS LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- Sir Samuel Joseph, the first Jew to be elected Lord Mayor of London in forty years, and the city's fourth war-time mayor, was inducted into office today without the pomp and pageantry usually connected with the occasion. A parade of youth organizations, including a contingent from the Jewish Lads Brigade, which was marching in the Lord Mayor's procession for the first time in its history, marked the induction. Prime Minister Churchill joined the procession for a short distance.

MIZRACHI WOMEN VOTE TO EXPAND WAR EFFORT AND PALESTINE ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- Expansion of their activities both on behalf of Palestine and the war effort of the United States was decided upon by the 500 delegates assembled at the closing session today of the 17th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America meeting at the Henry Hudson hotel here.

A series of resolutions adopted by the convention authorized a vast increase in their budget for Palestine projects; adopted a quota of \$1,000,000 for war bonds on top of the \$500,000 raised during the past year; demanded the creation of a Jewish army and the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine after the war; decided to complete the Mizrahi Women's Forest of 10,000 trees in Palestine; pledged increased support to the Jewish National Fund and voted to extend its national membership drive through next April.

BOARD OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN DISCUSSES PARTICIPATION IN WAR EFFORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The annual meeting of the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women opened here yesterday at the Essex House with forty-five women from all sections of the country in attendance. Mrs. Maurice L. Goldman of San Francisco, national president of the Council, announced that the board's sessions would be devoted to discussing the role that the Council has played and can play in the war effort.