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### ITALY WARNS TUNISIAN JEWS AGAINST "PREMATURE REJOICING" OVER AMERICAN LANDINGS

LISBON, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- The 60,000 Jews in Tunisia were warned today over the Rome radio to abstain from "premature rejoicing" over the landing of American forces in North Africa.

At the same time it was reported here that Archbishop Bunot of Carthage, principal prelate of French North Africa, is playing an important role in checking the barrage of violent anti-Jewish propaganda which Axis agents have loosed in Tunis. The Archbishop some time ago issued a pastoral letter in which he condemned the introduction of anti-Jewish laws into North Africa by the Vichy regime.

The Italian newspaper Il Piccolo, published in Rome, yesterday quoted the Tunisian Arab newspaper El Zohra as reporting that the "Jews in Tunisia no longer disguise their joy over the American advances." Axis radio stations in Germany and in Italy are sending broadcasts every hour in Arabic calling on the Arabs in Africa "to fight the Americans, the British and the Jews."

### AMERICAN TROOPS ARE 400 MILES FROM REFUGEE INTERNMENT CAMPS IN ALGERIA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- Official circles here today stated that American troops in Algeria are still at least 400 miles from where the bulk of the thousands of Jewish refugees being used for forced labor building the Trans-Sahara railroad in the desert are located.

Officials of the State Department said that the refugees, in common with everybody else in the occupied territory, would be under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Army authorities.

It was learned here today that all affidavits submitted on behalf of persons residing in unoccupied France who seek to emigrate to the United States will not be acted upon by the Visa Division of the State Department. These affidavits will be kept by the Department until such time as conditions warrant action. Likewise, no further hearings on such affidavits will be scheduled before the Inter-departmental Visa Review Committee.

### PALESTINE REGIMENT WILL BE WELL EQUIPPED, LIBYAN JEWS REACH JERUSALEM

LONDON, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- Equipment will continue to be sent to the Palestine Regiment despite the intensified action in Africa, although the armies operating in the desert must be the first in the Mediterranean area to receive equipment, British Secretary of War, Sir James Grigg, announced in the House of Commons today.

Reports from Palestine cabled by correspondents of London newspapers state that a number of Libyan Jews have reached Jerusalem. They said that the Jews in Libya are suffering greatly at the hands of the retreating German and Italian soldiers.

POLISH OFFICIALS CENSOR SIKORSKI'S PLEDGE OF EQUAL TREATMENT FOR JEWS AFTER WAR

LONDON, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- Polish Premier Gen. Sikorski, in a statement to the press today, reiterated his pledge that Jews in post-war Poland will enjoy the same rights as all other Polish citizens. All facilities, he said, will be extended to Polish Jews who seek a new home in the Middle East, but the basic policy of the Polish Government will be that no Jew be forced to emigrate from Poland against his will.

At the same time, it was learned here today that the two Jewish members of the Polish National Council, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart and Samuel Zygelboim, lodged a written interpellation this week in the Council in which they asked the Polish Government to explain whether it is true that a vital passage was omitted from the broadcast to Poland of the speech of Premier Sikorski at the recent meeting in London to protest Nazi atrocities against Jews. The Polish Premier in his speech said: "In my capacity as the head of the Polish Government, I assure the Polish Jews that they will benefit fully from the blessings of victory of the United Nations in common and on equal terms with all Polish citizens." The broadcast to Poland in the Polish language, it is charged, omitted the words "in common and on equal terms with all Polish citizens."

Dr. Schwarzbart speaking today at an Armistice Day celebration arranged by the Council of Polish Jews of Great Britain, with leading Polish officials in attendance, strongly assailed "the anti-Jewish tendencies which are still powerful in some Polish quarters and which are insufficiently counteracted although official declarations are clear enough." Stressing that "Poland has no better friends than the Jews," Schwarzbart declared that "we, however, want to share equally in the good and bad fortune which the future holds for Poland."

Premier Sikorski, in his statement to the press today, stressed the contribution which Polish Jews made to the development of Palestine before the outbreak of the present war and emphasized that he is convinced that when the war is over, many Polish Jews will continue to assist in the building of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

RUSSIA WILL PERMIT 10,000 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM POLAND TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- A report that 10,000 Jewish refugee children from Poland now stranded in Russia will be brought to Palestine in the course of the next twelve months is published today in the Haaretz, one of Palestine's leading daily newspapers.

The Jewish Agency here is still awaiting a possible change of heart by the Iraqi Government which has so far refused to issue transit visas to 300 Jewish children from Poland who are now stranded in Iran en route from Russia to Palestine. Though this group of refugee children has been granted permission to enter Palestine, the action of the Baghdad government is forcing them to remain in Iran. Intervention on the part of British authorities in Iraq has brought no results.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE WILL ENDORSE DECLARATION OF "BALTIMORE CONFERENCE"

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- Overshadowed by the military developments in French Africa and in Libya, the Small Zionist Actions Committee today opened its sessions here for the purpose of expressing approval of the Zionist aims outlined in the declaration adopted at the extraordinary Zionist Conference held last May in New York at the Hotel Baltimore which demanded the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The majority of the Zionist groups fully support the declaration of the "Baltimore Conference." Those opposing it are the Hashomer Hatzair laborite group, the Ichud group and the representatives of the non-Zionists in Palestine.

NAZIS USING JEWISH CIVILIANS AS SCREEN FOR TANK ATTACKS; 13,000 SHOT IN KHARKOV

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 11.(JTA)— German military authorities have brought thousands of Jewish women, children and aged men from the interior of Nazi-occupied Soviet territory for use as human screens behind which Nazi tank units can advance, it was reported here today on the basis of testimony by a captured German prisoner, Rudolph Hauptman, substantiated by a Red Army man, Ivan Trojanowsky.

According to Trojanowsky, on one occasion during an engagement between his unit and German troops on the Southern front the Russian troops were amazed to see about a hundred old men and women, many with children in their arms, advance toward the Russian trenches in front of advancing German tanks. "Many women fell before the tanks," Trojanowsky related, "but the tanks continued onward, crushing the fallen Jews. When our detachment succeeded in rushing the enemy and capturing their tanks we found many corpses of Jews under the treads of the machines. One of the prisoners we captured admitted that Jewish civilians were being brought from the rear for use in battle by the Germans."

Alfred Halmut, a private of the 23rd German tank division, who was captured on the Mzodok front, told the Russian officers who interrogated him that while stationed at Kharkov he had witnessed the brutal massacre of 13,000 Jews. "I, myself, saw these Jews - old men, women and children - herded into the yard of the Kharkov Tractor Works," Halmut stated, "and there mowed down by machine guns and automatic rifle fire."

KING OF ENGLAND PINS MEDAL ON MONTREAL JEWISH HERO OF DIEPPE

MONTREAL, Nov. 11.(JTA)— The King of England has pinned a Military Medal on the breast of Sergeant David Lloyd Hart of Montreal, Jewish hero of Dieppe, while his two brothers on active service with the Canadian army in Britain, Captain Paul Hart of a Quebec Regiment, and Sergeant Edward Hart of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, watched the Buckingham Palace ceremony proudly, the War Efforts Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress reported today.

Sergeant Hart had been reported wounded and missing in the first dispatches from the Dieppe raid in mid-August, but he was later found to be safe. He was in charge of the wireless of the headquarters of a Canadian infantry brigade on a landing craft. In spite of the heavy shelling concentrated on the vessel and many casualties on it, he kept in touch with the Force Headquarters throughout the operation. The citation said of him: "His coolness under fire in the continuous performance of his duties made him a conspicuous example to his men."

BRANDEIS' MEMORY HONORED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HOME IN ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.(JTA)— The memory of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis will be honored on the occasion of his birthday anniversary November 13 by the establishment of a children's nursing home in England which will bear his name, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies.

The Louis D. Brandeis Children's Home located in Dyrham Park, a rural section of England, safely removed from the danger of bombing, will accommodate nearly 100 children who have been orphaned by air-raids. Seven such homes have been established by the Jewish Section, bearing the names of Sara Delano Roosevelt, Arthur James Balfour, Meyer Levin-Colin P. Kelly, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein, and the latest one, Louis D. Brandeis.

HITLER REMINDED THAT FIRST GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIAN TO FALL IN LAST WAR WAS A JEW

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- Hitler, when commenting in his "Munich putsch" anniversary speech on the fact that "only two members of the first Reichstag" fell on the battlefield in the last World War, deliberately omitted mentioning that one of them was a Jew, the New York Times points out today in its editorial comments.

"Hitler in his speech," the Times writes, "called attention to the different stuff of which Reichstag members are made now. In the last war, out of two million dead, 'only two Reichstag members fell on the battlefield.' Up to date thirty-nine members of Hitler's Reichstag have given their lives for the Fuehrer out of a much smaller total of German dead - alleged.

"What the Fuehrer did not have time to mention was that the first Reichstag member who gave his life in the last war was a Jew; and if he was one out of only two Reichstag members killed in the whole war, that would be a very high Jewish ratio when one recalls that the Jews were less than 1 percent of the German population. Because Hitler had only three hours at his disposal he presumably had no time to mention this case of Dr. Ludwig Frank, one of the Socialist leaders in the Reichstag, who volunteered for war at the age of 46 and was killed on Sept. 4, 1914, at Luneville," the Times states.

FULLER WAR-TIME USE OF 6,000 REFUGEE DOCTORS IN AMERICA IS PREDICTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- The possibility that fuller wartime use can now be made of a majority of the 6,000 emigre doctors in the United States, refugees from Hitlerism, was foreseen today by Dr. Tracy J. Putnam, vice-chairman of the National Committee for the Resettlement of Foreign Physicians, in a statement which commented on a recent directive of the Board of Procurement and Assignment Service.

The directive pointed out that the Army and Navy are not in a position to accept such physicians as commissioned officers because they are not citizens, and recommended to chairmen of the State Procurement and Assignment Services that use be made of these physicians in essential civilian positions, particularly in critical areas where more physicians are needed.

"The stand, by the Board, that emigre physicians can be of use to the war effort by absorption in essential civilian posts clarifies the way for greater utilization of this group at a time when the nation is desperately short of trained medical men," Dr. Putnam stated. He added, "the general public will now appreciate that though emigre doctors are eager to serve with the military medical services, they cannot do so, and that the full utilization of their skills and training must be in other areas -- particularly where an emergency exists and they can serve on a basis of temporary placement for the duration of the war."

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE IN MONTREAL WILL SEND TEN FIELD HOSPITALS TO RUSSIA AS GIFT

MONTREAL, Nov. 11.(JTA)-- The executive board of the Jewish Labor Committee here today announced that it will send ten field hospitals as a gift to the Russian Army. The hospitals will be equipped with twenty-five beds each and will have all the necessary medical equipment, the announcement said.

NEW JERSEY ZIONIST CONFERENCE DECIDES TO ESTABLISH "NEW JERSEY COLONY" IN PALESTINE

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 11.(JTA)-- The sum of \$250,000 will be raised over a three-year period for the purpose of establishing a colony in Palestine bearing the name of "New Jersey", it was decided here at a state-wide conference of the Jewish National Fund in which 32 New Jersey communities participated. The new colony will require the redemption of 10,000 dunams of land.