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JEWS IN ALGERIA CALLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE AS ANTI-JEWISH LAWS ARE VOIDED

ALGERS - Via London - Nov. 23.(JTA)--- Jews in Algeria who were not permitted to serve in the armed forces under the Vichy anti-Jewish laws are now being summoned for military service under the present mobilization of man power in North Africa.

Abrogating the anti-Semitic legislation, the authorities in Algeria yesterday ordered all Jews who reached the age of twenty in 1938 or 1939 to immediately report for military duty. Officers and specialists of all ages are similarly being summoned for immediate service.

The Jewish National Council of Palestine has cabled messages of congratulations to the Chief Rabbis of Algiers and Morocco, it was learned here today.

JEWISH AGENCY RECEIVES HARROWING REPORT OF MASS-EXTERMINATION OF JEWS IN POLAND

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23.(JTA)--- The Jewish Agency for Palestine yesterday received a report revealing that tens of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland are being exterminated by orders of a special "Exterminating Office" set up under the supervision of the Gestapo.

The report, emanating from reliable sources, was taken up at today's weekly meeting of the executive of the Jewish Agency and it was decided to issue an appeal to the people of the world describing the Nazi-mass slaughter of the Jews. A sub-committee was appointed at the meeting to draft the appeal. Simultaneously it was decided that all the Hebrew newspapers in Palestine should carry the harrowing report in all its details on the front page, enclosed within black-borders.

The report states that a special "Vernichtungs Kommission" - an Exterminating Commission - is supervising the work of annihilating the Jews all over Poland. Members of the commission are visiting various parts of Poland in order to direct the mass-slaughter of the Jewish population and the destruction of the Jewish communities. The commission has its office in Warsaw and its head, Commissar Fey, is directly responsible to Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo who visited Poland last Spring to draw up plans for the Extermination Office.

Children, Aged Jews Murdered in Wholesale Massacres; Able-Bodied Jews Vanish

"Jewish children up to the age of twelve have been executed by the thousands without any mercy since the Exterminating Office was established," the report states. "Elderly Jews have similarly been murdered in wholesale massacres. Able-bodied Jews were registered and deported to unknown destinations and have vanished without any trace. Jewish women have also been arrested and deported to unknown places.

The report includes an eye-witness account stating that of the 30,000 Jews in the ghetto in Kielce, about 27,000 were deported during the last two months.

Of them 1,500 were murdered in a Kielce suburb, while many of the others are apparently being slaughtered in groups en route to their destination.

In the city of Brest-Litowsk, the report continues, one thousand Jews were "selected" by the Nazi exterminating squads and thrown into the Bug river where they were all drowned. In Piotrkow only 2,600 Jews survived of the 20,000 who resided there. Among those left alive are only 160 women and children. In Czenstochow, where 40,000 Jews lived prior to Nazi occupation of the city, only 2,000 are alive today.

Jews Burned in Bialystock Synagogue; Only 500 Left in Vienna

In the city of Bialystock 1,500 Jews were herded into the Great Synagogue and burned alive. In the town of Tiktin almost all Jews were buried alive. In other ghetto-towns Jews are being annihilated by similar methods, the report states. In the Warsaw and Lodz ghettos there has been an alarming decrease in the Jewish population during the past few months. It has been impossible to ascertain what happens to the Jews who are taken from these ghettos by the Nazis.

The report also deals with the tortures inflicted upon Jews in Germany and Austria. It discloses that there are no more than 500 Jews left in Vienna and about 400 Jews in Hamburg, most of them aged people living on charity. In Berlin where there were about 100,000 Jews in 1939 there are now only 28,000, the report says.

2,000 JEWS RECENTLY EXECUTED IN SMOLENSK, RUSSIAN GUERRILLA REVEALS

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 23. (JTA)-- More than 2,000 Jews - comprising almost the entire Jewish population remaining in Smolensk - were massacred recently in that Nazi-occupied city, according to reports brought here today by N. Krilov, who succeeded in escaping from the city and reaching one of the guerrilla bands which are active in the Smolensk area.

The Jews - mostly women, children and old men - were brought in closed trucks to Gegonovka Place, Krilov disclosed. Here they were lined up before a huge pit which had been dug beforehand, and - following the usual Nazi pattern - the victims were machine-gunned and dumped into the pit, dead and wounded alike, and a shallow covering of earth was flung over them.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT FORBIDDEN TO RADIO, TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE COMPANIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23. (JTA)-- Radio stations, the telegraph and telephone companies, and the national capital's trolley and bus systems are "defense industries" and cannot discriminate against Jewish or alien job-seekers, the War Manpower Commission ruled today.

The ruling was made at the request of Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, which operates under the War Manpower Commission.

ZIONISTS SATISFIED WITH APPOINTMENT OF CAPT. STANLEY AS COLONIAL MINISTER

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA)-- Zionist leaders here today expressed satisfaction at the appointment of Capt. Oliver Stanley to the post of Minister for Colonies, succeeding Viscount Cranborne. It was pointed out that Capt. Stanley, shortly after he became Minister of War in 1940, denounced the Nazi persecution of Jews.

LAVAL ESTABLISHES "JEWISH CHAIR" AT PARIS UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- Emulating the Nazi system of "studying the Jewish problem," the Laval government in France has issued a decree ordering the establishment of a "chair for Jewish history" at the University of Paris, the German-controlled Paris radio reported today.

Leon Morandat, a leading French trade union official who escaped from France last week, today declared at a press conference that opposition to anti-Semitism is now more widespread than ever. He expressed the conviction that the anti-Jewish campaign in France has caused a lot of harm both to the German occupation forces and the Vichy regime, alienating many previous sympathizers.

Frenchmen in all walks of life, including priests, soldiers, policemen, peasants and workers in one way or another have helped the Jews in France to face the Nazi persecution during the last six months, Morandat said. He disclosed that when the underground movement in France last July heard that mass arrests of Jews were to take place in the Lyon area on the following morning, instructions were issued immediately for Jews to take refuge in the city's churches and monasteries in the hope that the police would not dare to enter such places. The police, however, learned of the instructions and the next morning all churches in Lyon were forced to close. "But many other means," Morandat stated, "were found to save the Jews from arrest, which was proved by the fact that instead of the 3,000 slated for seizure that day only 119 were rounded up, the others having managed to escape and hide."

MASS-SUICIDES OF JEWS IN NORWAY; QUISLING GOVERNMENT DECLARES ALL JEWS BANKRUPT

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- Mass-suicides of Jews in Norway are reported today from Oslo together with the news that the Quisling Government has declared all Norwegian Jews bankrupt after confiscating their property.

Among those who attempted to commit suicide is Prof. Jarosi of Oslo University who is being held in an internment camp. The Jewish professor took poison, but was taken to a hospital where antidotes were administered.

The Quisling press reaching here today from Oslo carries further lists of Jews whose property has been expropriated by the State. The lists reveal that personal property was taken from even the poorest Jews, including Jewish refugees who were quartered in Nansen homes and lived on relief.

In announcing that all Jews are considered bankrupt by the Ministry of Finance, the Quisling newspapers report that special receivers will be named by the Norwegian administration to liquidate all Jewish firms and property which the government has confiscated.

MASS-ARRESTS OF DANISH JEWS REPORTED; ANTI-JEWISH LAWS DRAFTED

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- A report received here today from Denmark stated that mass-arrests of Jews have started there under pressure of the Nazi authorities and despite protests by the Danish population.

The report added that despite the opposition of the King, the pro-Nazi Premier of Denmark, Eric Seavenius, is now engaged in drafting anti-Jewish laws to cover the approximately 6,000 Danish Jews. The new Nazi envoy in Denmark who is one of Hitler's most trusted representatives, is "advising" Premier Seavenius on the draft of the new measures, the report said.

NAZI PAPER TELLS GERMANS NOT TO SHOW COMPASSION TO PERSECUTED JEWS IN REICH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- Germans still treat Jews too kindly, the Danzig newspaper Ostsee Zeitung complains in a front-page editorial made available by the Office of War Information today.

The editorial, entitled "Warning and Example," says: "Still, here and there, a certain incomprehension of the population existstowards measures forcibly taken by the National Socialist Reich and gradually by all European nations united with the Axis against the Jews still in Europe. Although no longer very frequently, occasionally a single Jew, marked by the Star of Zion and ruled by special laws, has received a certain compassion because the good-natured German Michel refuses to make an individual responsible for his people's total attitude."

The editorial argues that this compassion is mistaken because the individual Jew is strongly linked with "world Jewry" and United Nations propaganda. "All the European nations will suffer the same fate if they forget only for a moment that all Jews still living on their territory are without exception active mortal enemies, collaborators of the outside enemy and continuously connected with him. Any compassion towards them is a source of mortal danger, any indulgence is punishable as frivolity, any softness is a crime against one's own life. Regarding this irreconcilable, revengeful adversary, the old American phrase about Red Indians must be varied: 'Only a dead Jew is a good Jew.'"

DEAN OF AMERICAN COLLEGE IN CAIRO WARNS AGAINST JEWISH ARMY PLAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- Formation of a Jewish army in Palestine would be a mistake for the United Nations, since it would provoke Moslem uprisings throughout North Africa, the Near East and Asia, Dr. John S. Badeau, dean of the American College in Cairo, declared here at a Foreign Policy Association luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that was devoted to consideration of the Allied situation in Africa and the Near East.

Right or wrong, he said, the formation of a Jewish army would be interpreted by Arabs and other Moslems as meaning that the United Nations intended to set up a Jewish state in the Near East by force of arms. "A Jewish army in Palestine would inflame Arabs all over the world," he said. "A Jewish army today is dynamite - no, it is T.N.T." Dr. Badeau asserted that Axis propaganda had made considerable headway among Moslems.

BREAK WITH VICHY SUSPENDS ACTION ON VISAS FOR APPLICANTS IN FRANCE, N.R.S. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.(JTA)-- Since the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Vichy, all applications for United States visas on behalf of applicants in southern France, are, for the present, being placed in an inactive file, it was reported today by the National Refugee Service. The N.R.S. also announced that instructions have been issued to field offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to expedite the naturalization process for aliens of enemy nationalities.

No steps can be taken to provide persons with visas to the United States who reside in territory where no consular visa services are available, the National Refugee Service has been informed by the State Department which states "no assurance may be given that an alien will receive a visa at an American consular office until he appears in person and is found upon examination to qualify in all respects under our immigration laws." Until definite information can be furnished to show the persons in question have actually arrived in the territory where they will apply for visas, their cases should not be taken up with the Department.