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NAZIS DEPORT ALL JEWS FROM THREE LARGE POLISH CITIES

GENEVA, Jan. 17.(JTA)-- The deportation of all Jews from Katowice, Sosnowiec and Bedzin, three of the larger cities in Nazi-occupied Poland, was reported today on the basis of reliable information reaching here from the underground movement in Poland.

All the Jews of Katowice have been "evacuated" to an unknown destination and nothing more is known of them, the report stated. In Sosnowiec and in Bedzin the 20,000 Jews who were residing there were ordered to leave their dwellings and proceed to ghettos situated in neighboring villages. The peasants in those villages were "removed" by the Nazis in order to completely isolate the Jews.

JEWISH ARTISANS IN POLAND SABOTAGE NAZI WAR PRODUCTION, GESTAPO SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 17.(JTA)-- Polish Jews forced to work as artisans in German war industries are not producing the full quota expected of them, the Nazi radio stations reported today, quoting an article in the Schwartzke Korps, organ of the Gestapo.

At the same time Deputy Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, reporting that the Germans have cleared all Poles from a sixty-mile corridor in Silesia in order to construct defenses against a possible Russian advance, revealed that the first work on the Nazi "East Wall" in Silesia had been done by battalions of Jews who were executed as each battalion completed its work.

The question of removing Polish Jews from neutral countries which are still in danger of invasion by the Nazi armies was discussed today by Count Raczynski, Polish Foreign Minister, and Samuel Zygelboim, one of the Jewish members of the Polish National Council. This question was raised by leaders of Polish Jewry in London as a result of the fact that many Polish Jews were trapped in the part of France formerly administered by Vichy and now face deportation to Poland.

ARAB RESENTMENT AT EASING OF ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN N. AFRICA EXPECTED TO SUBSIDE

LONDON, Jan. 17.(JTA)-- Arab resentment at the relaxation of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws in North Africa will subside as the economic position of the Arab population improves under the new regime, the Sunday press in London believes. The newspapers emphasize, however, that for the time being these laws are being rescinded at a much slower pace than under Darlan.

The question of the restoration of full rights to the Jews is one of the major problems which the Allied authorities face in North Africa, the newspapers report. It is easy to impose anti-Jewish laws, but it is very difficult to have them repealed immediately when the native population is still under the influence of anti-Jewish propaganda, the reports point out. The British and American authorities in North Africa, however, are reported to be determined to abolish all anti-Jewish measures.

FEDERATION ASSEMBLY URGES JEWISH UNITY, RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17, (JTA)-- Continuation of the efforts of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to achieve a unified program for the protection of the civic rights and social status of American Jewry was voted today at the 10th annual General Assembly of the Council at the Hotel Statler here.

The resolution followed hours of discussion in which Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council, reviewed the negotiations conducted during the past year between the Council's committee on Civic Protective Organizations and the four major defense agencies in the United States. Mr. Hollander expressed the belief that the Council's objectives - a centralized and integrated defense agency for all civic protective work in this country - was possible of attainment. The Council's committee, he related, had met individually and collectively with representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee, looking toward the consummation of a unified program as desired by American Jewish communities. At the present time, he said, three of the four agencies have indicated their approval of the Council's committee's formula for a unified program, while the other has certain reservations which, it is hoped, will be resolved in future negotiations.

Speakers at the Civic Protective meeting included Max Simon of Cleveland, Edgar J. Kaufmann of Pittsburgh, George Z. Medalie, representing the American Jewish Committee; Carl Sherman, American Jewish Congress; Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith and Charles Sherman of the Jewish Labor Committee. William J. Shroder, of Cincinnati, chairman of the Council's board, presided.

Earlier, the Council's Board of Directors went on record as favoring the entry of Jewish federations and welfare funds into local war chests, but reaffirmed its previously adopted viewpoint "that the final decision should be made by the local Jewish communities with due regard to safeguarding the interests of beneficiary agencies and consonant with the findings and recommendations of the memorandum on Jewish fund-raising activities and their relation to community war appeals, which was issued jointly by the Community Chests and Councils, Inc., and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds."

At the afternoon session, Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore submitted the report of the Council's Budget Research Committee, and Samuel A. Goldsmith of Chicago reported for the Committee on Local Community Organizations.

The Council's 1943 budget and financial schedule was reviewed by Ira Younkoff of New York, treasurer of the body. All Council officers were re-elected including the Board members. Five vacancies on the Board were filled by the election of Mr. Medalie, Mr. Kaufmann, Max Livingston of New Haven, Mr. Goldsmith and Stanley C. Myers of Miami.

At the opening meeting last night, Mr. Hollander called for unity in Jewish leadership. James Marshall of New York declared that "the problem of Jewish communities, now as always, is to bear in mind those moral ends which are our Jewish heritage."

AMERICANS IN PALESTINE MAY NOW ENLIST IN U.S. FORCES IN NEAR EAST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17, (JTA)-- Recruiting of Americans in Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon for the United States Army will begin next week, it was announced today by the United States Service Command in the Levant. Bona fide American citizens, native and naturalized, will be accepted. After full training, the volunteers will be assigned to various service units in the Middle East.

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POLETTI, LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON POST, SAYS PALESTINE JEWS SHOULD HAVE OWN ARMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.(JTA)-- The right of the Jews in Palestine to have an army of their own and to fight in the ranks of the United Nations under their own flag was emphasized today in a statement issued by former Lt. Governor Charles Poletti of New York, prior to his departure for Washington to assume the post of special assistant to Secretary of War Stimson.

"It is the Jews of Europe," Poletti, said, "who were the first victims of Nazi and Fascist brutality. It is they who felt the first fury of the totalitarian assault. It is they who have been singled out as the prime and wholesale victims of the new barbarism. The Jews now stand in the front lines. The right of Palestinian and stateless Jews to engage in their self-defense remains to me unimpeachable. It is as Jews that under international guarantees they are living in Palestine. They are not Palestinians except in a geographic sense. They are not Arabs; they are not British. If every people in the world is free to fight under its own historic designation, the Jews must fight as Jews.

"I recognize that Great Britain has its own problems of policy. But it is part of our international cooperation that we shall criticize one another for policies which fail to conform to the democratic principles for which we stand together. And America would be derelict in its duty if it did not make its opinion heard in British circles on this issue. Great Britain is naturally reluctant to awaken the hostilities of the Arabs. But the answer to that is that Arabs may also volunteer and form their own units."

Poletti concluded his statement by expressing the hope that the problem of the Jewish people will be solved after the war with justice and dignity. "That," he said, "means that the Jews of the western democratic lands must be freed from the shadow of anti-Semitism; the Jews of European lands must be restored in their rights as human beings and as members of a historic religious and cultural community; and a Jewish homeland in Palestine must come into full being. Along with objectives for all mankind, these Jewish objectives are indispensable in an equitable post-war settlement."

LABOR UNIONS SPONSOR ORT DINNER FOR LEHMAN TO GREET HIS NEW APPOINTMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.(JTA)-- A dinner to Governor Lehman to felicitate him upon his appointment by President Roosevelt as Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations will be tendered by the trade unions of New York under the auspices of the Labor Division of the American ORT Federation, it was announced here today by Adolph Held, chairman.

Vice-President Wallace's views on Lehman's new mission will be made public at the dinner which is to take place on January 31 at the Hotel Commodore. Governor Lehman will deliver an address. The speakers will include William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, James B. Carey, secretary of the C.I.O., David Dubinsky, prominent Jewish labor leader and others. "The dinner, sponsored by all Trade Unions of the City and State of New York, will serve as an occasion for Labor to express its appreciation for the great services which Governor Lehman has rendered to the people of the State of New York during his 14 years of administration," Mr. Held stated.