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NAZIS "LIQUIDATE" LODZ GHETTO; DEPORT ALL JEWS FROM BRZEZIN

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The continued Nazi massacres of Jews in Poland surpass even the massacres of the Armenians by the Turks which stirred the world bomb 20 years ago, the Swedish press states today.

Information reaching here today from occupied Poland indicates that the Nazis are proceeding with the liquidation of the ghetto in Lodz, second largest ghetto in Europe, following the same procedure used in Warsaw. The 150,000 Jews who were originally herded into the Lodz ghetto have been decimated by hunger, mortality, deportations and executions, the reports say.

The Litzmannstaedter Zeitung, Nazi newspaper published in Lodz, which reached here today, carries a report that all the Jews have been deported from the ghetto in Brzezina and that the ruins of the synagogue there have been destroyed by Nazi technicians from Lodz. The ruins consisted of four walls which remained after the Nazi aerial bombing of the city prior to their occupying it in 1939.

850 JEWISH CHILDREN, 369 ADULTS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE FROM TEHRAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- Eight hundred and fifty-one refugee children accompanied by 369 adults were starting a new life today in Palestine after a six-week detour by sea to get from Teheran to Jerusalem, a land distance of about 900 miles.

Political conditions in the Middle East barred them from the overland route through Iraq, which would have made the last leg of their odyssey from Poland a matter of a few days, and sent them on a voyage that led through the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. They left the Persian capital early in January.

When the first ten train coaches arrived yesterday morning, Jewish school children turned out to greet them with songs and banners, and the refugee youngsters broke into choruses of Zionist hymns. Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel, Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council and representatives of the Jewish Agency were also at the station to greet the young immigrants. Later the children were distributed among eight temporary camps, where they will live until permanently settled in new homes. A very few of the children have parents in Palestine. The Palestine government cooperated with Jewish organizations in welcoming the children by entertaining them at a railway station breakfast. One of the new arrivals was a baby born en route, named "Aliyah."

Most of the children, who had travelled from war-torn Poland to the Soviet Union and then to Persia, appeared to be in good health, although their clothes were worn. They were cheerful and made a lively scene thanking British

authorities and police who escorted them from Egypt. While passing through Egypt the youngsters were presented with a gift of sweets by Jewish units of the Royal Engineers stationed there.

COLONIAL MINISTER FAVORS PLAN FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM NAZI-HELD COUNTRIES

LONDON, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- Colonial Minister Capt. Oliver Stanley today assured a delegation of Agudas Israel leaders that the British Government saw no objections to extension of the scheme under which 4,000 Jewish children and 500 adult guardians will soon leave Bulgaria for Palestine, to other Nazi-held countries, Slovakia in particular. He emphasized, however, that the entire problem was "bristling with difficulties" and was constantly being studied by the Government departments concerned. Capt. Stanley also agreed that it might be feasible to include rabbis, doctors and communal leaders in future contingents of emigrants from Axis countries.

The London Spectator, influential liberal weekly, today urged the appointment of "a man of vigor and determination" as High Commissioner for Jewish Affairs to formulate a policy of aiding the Jews in occupied countries and to carry out its execution. It charges that the failure to take any decisive action to help the Jews is due to the fact that it is not the problem of any one responsible official. The Spectator also proposes a temporary increase in the Palestine immigration quota and suggests that haven for the refugees might be found in the more habitable sections of Libya and French North Africa.

NO "FACTUAL" CHANGE IN POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA, FRENCH LEADER SAYS

LONDON, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- There has been no "factual" change in the position of Jews in North Africa compared to their status under the Vichy regime, it was emphasized today by Prof. Rene Capitant, Fighting French leader in North Africa, who has just arrived for consultations with General Charles de Gaulle.

For all practical purposes, Prof. Capitant told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview, their situation today is no different from what it was on the day the Allies landed in North Africa.

Prof. Capitant, who taught law at the universities of Strasbourg and Algiers, said that the latest rulings on Jews by General Giraud, under which Jews under certain circumstances are being admitted to the French army, do not constitute abolition of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws but are merely their diminution. He declared there were no special concentration camps for Jews in North Africa, Jewish internees being kept in the general camps for political prisoners.

MOSHE SHERTOK ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR IMPORTANT CONFERENCES ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- Moshe Shertok, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and head of its political department, arrived here last night from London following important negotiations with British authorities.

This is Mr. Shertok's first visit to the United States. He expects to remain here for several weeks during which he will confer with American Zionist leaders and government officials on the latest developments in Palestine. He will return home by plane from New York.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR RUSSIA IN ALL BRITISH SYNAGOGUES TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- A day of prayer for Russia will be observed in all synagogues throughout England this week-end. Instructions to this effect were issued today by Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz in connection with similar observances which will be held in all British churches on Sunday.

"The sons and daughters of English Jewry share the friendly feelings for the Russian people," Chief Rabbi Hertz's proclamation ordering the day of prayer stated. "The Nazi fiends are daily exterminating thousands of our brethren. In all civilized lands there is a universal chorus of sympathy for the doomed victims, but so far there is well nigh universal inaction. It is the hope of all good men that victory of the Soviet armies will strengthen the forces of liberalism and humanity which are strangely paralyzed with fatal results for multitudes of Jewish men and women."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS STARTS TODAY IN 2,000 COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The tenth annual observance of Brotherhood Week started today in 2,000 communities throughout the country, arranged by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. It will end on February 28.

Radio stations will carry the story of "Victory for Brotherhood" into every corner of the globe with the Office of War Information beaming the story to all the occupied countries, in their own languages, all during the week. The four major networks will broadcast special programs during the week and hundreds of other stations from coast-to-coast will give local programs.

BOMBER WILL BE NAMED AFTER SGT. MEYER LEVIN; PRESS LAUDS HIS GALLANTRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- Local metropolitan dailies today carried editorials paying tribute to Sgt. Meyer Levin, reported killed in a bomber crash off New Guinea, pointing out that his name and that of Colin Kelley, with whom he made history when their plane sank the Japanese battleship Haruna, are linked as an example of the unity of the American people.

The New York Herald-Tribune writes that the fellowship of courage and achievement of Colin Kelley and Meyer Levin became a symbol of a people truly united. "Together these names rebuke the little sneers, the mean prejudices, the narrow fears that froth and bubble on the surface of the American melting pot," the Tribune declares, urging that we "keep green the names of Capt. Colin Kelley and Sgt. Meyer Levin." The Daily Mirror writes that Levin was "a hero of a whole cause. A symbol of that for which we fight. So very young, he was a veteran and a mighty warrior in the forces fighting for freedom and equality. How right he was and how right our battle - for, in an Axis land, he would have been herded and hounded in a ghetto, or condemned to death or slavery."

The Amalgamated Clothing workers Union, of which Levin's father, Sam, is a veteran member, has pledged to purchase, immediately, \$350,000 worth of bonds to buy a bomber to be named after Levin. Additional sums for that purpose are to be raised by the people of Brooklyn, John Cashmore, Brooklyn Borough President, announced.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL URGES GOVERNOR TO VETO PROPOSAL FOR SATURDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The Synagogue Council of America today addressed an appeal to Governor Thomas E. Dewey, urging him to veto the "Young-Milroe Bill" which would authorize school authorities to hold Saturday sessions if necessary to enable students to work in farms or canneries during the week or in the Spring.

VICTORY HARVEST PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The National Council of Jewish Women has set in motion a Victory Harvest Program which will be operated to a large extent through the seventy-five camps subsidized or run by the Council sections, it was announced here today.

About 350 Senior and Junior Sections throughout the country have been called upon by the national organizations to initiate or implement programs of conversion of their subsidized summer camps to crop production - utilizing land and aid of the children in the camps and of Council members and their families. A call to members of Junior sections and to Councilettes (girls 14 to 18) to spend their summer vacations on farms, engaging in productive labor has also been issued by the National Council.

ZOA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETS TO DISCUSS AMERICAN JEWISH ASSEMBLY PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The decision adopted at the recent conference in Pittsburgh of representatives of Jewish organizations to convene an American Jewish Assembly within the next five months will be one of the major items of discussion at an all-day meeting of the national administrative council of the Zionist Organizations of America to be held this Sunday at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, it was announced here today by the ZOA headquarters.

The meeting, which will be attended by representatives from all parts of the country will hear a first hand report on the situation in Palestine and the Middle East which will be delivered by Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the World Mizrahi, who just flew here from Palestine. A survey of the Palestine situation in the light of the latest war developments will be presented by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the organization.

WAR CHEST DRIVE IN CINCINNATI OVERSUBSCRIBED; JEWISH WELFARE FUND PARTICIPATING

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- The local war chest drive ended today with the goal of \$3,500,000 oversubscribed. The Jewish Welfare Fund, exclusive of defense fund requirements, this year was merged with the war chest campaign. "Cincinnati Jewry is again proud of its generous response to this year's appeal. To shoulder its responsibilities for local, national and foreign relief needs," Alex Frieder, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund, stated.

DR. EMIL MARGULIES, CO-AUTHOR OF THE "BERNHEIM PETITION", DIES IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19.(JTA)-- Dr. Emil Margulies, prominent Zionist leader from Czechoslovakia and former president of the Jewish Party there, died here last night at the age of 66. He settled in Palestine in 1939.

Dr. Margulies was one of the authors of the historic "Bernheim Petition" which was presented to the League of Nations in 1933 in protest against the introduction of Nazi anti-Jewish laws in Upper Silesia, whose legislation was to be regulated by a mixed Polish-German commission under then existing international regulations. The League recognized the validity of the arguments presented in the Bernheim Petition and the Nazis were prevented from applying their anti-Jewish laws in Upper Silesia for several years.