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PALESTINE ARABS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR "COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE"

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA)-- Convinced that the Arabs in Palestine can no longer pin their hopes on a possible Axis invasion of the Near East, the Arab press today launched a campaign to secure British support for "complete Arab independence" in Palestine.

Articles published in Arab newspapers today indicate that they expect the British Government to give Palestine the same political status as that enjoyed by Iraq, Egypt and Transjordan which are governed by Arab rulers.

"The Arabs want a practical demonstration of Britain's sympathy," the newspaper Falastin writes. "They want to feel that they will be independent. They appreciate what Britain has done to help Iraq attain its independence and also what has been achieved by Egypt and Transjordan. They also await complete independence for Syria and Lebanon."

The Adifa, another Arab newspaper, says that Britain could render "the most valuable service" to the Pan-Arab movement by minimizing the difference in the standards of political development between Iraq and Palestine.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has left for Turkey, it was disclosed here today. Learning of Kaplan's departure, the Agudas Israel, extreme orthodox organization which is not affiliated with the Zionist movement, decided to send Rabbi Blau, one of its leaders, to Turkey, "without delay."

NO JEW LEFT IN LUBLIN, NAZI PAPER REPORTS; URGES NON-JEWS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

ZURICH, March 2. (JTA)-- All non-Jewish inhabitants of Majan-Tatrski, a suburb of Lublin, were invited by the Nazi authorities to return to their homes and re-occupy their dwellings following the deportation of all Jews from the city, it is reported in the Krakauer Zeitung, a Nazi newspaper published in Poland.

The paper, which reached here today, states that the Jews from the Lublin ghetto were removed sometime ago to Majdan-Tatrski where they were kept isolated from the rest of the population, as well as from other Jewish ghettos in Poland. At present, however, there are no more Jews left in the suburb, the paper declares. No indication is given as to what happened to the deported Jews.

POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS SOVIET EXECUTION OF JEWISH LABOR LEADERS

LONDON, March 2. (JTA)-- The Polish National Council, which is Poland's Parliament-in-Exile, may devote a special session to protesting the execution by Soviet authorities of the two Jewish Socialist leaders from Poland, Victor Alter and Henryk Erlich, it was learned here today. It was also announced that documents will be made public to prove the falsity of the Soviet charge that the two Jewish labor leaders were conducting propaganda among Russian troops for the conclusion of a separate peace with Germany.

NAZIS LEFT ONLY ONE JEW ALIVE IN KURSK, RUSSIAN WAR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

MOSCOW, March 2.(JTA)-- Only one Jew remained alive in Kursk when the Red Army entered the city, it was disclosed here by Ilya Ehrenburg, noted Soviet war correspondent, who visited the city soon after it was liberated.

Before the Germans were forced to evacuate Kursk, which was a key city in their winter defense line, they shot all the Jews who remained alive, even dragging typhus victims from hospitals, Ehrenburg said. The lone Jewish survivor had been hidden by Russian nurses among the corpses of patients who had died from typhus.

EQUADOR TO ADMIT 200 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EUROPE; PARAGUAY WILL ADMIT 100 CHILDREN

NEW YORK, March 2.(JTA)-- The President of the Ecuadorian Republic has issued an order authorizing the immigration of 200 Jewish children from Europe, it was reported here today by the Hias-Ica Emigration Association on the basis of cabled advices received from Ecuador.

The Government of Paraguay has similarly agreed to admit 100 Jewish children, the cable stated.

Argentine consulates in France have been advised by their government to cooperate with local Jewish groups in order to secure, if possible, exit permits for the 1,000 refugee children whom the Argentine Government has decided to admit, a report to the Hias-Ica from Buenos Aires stated. The French authorities, acting under German pressure, have so far refused to permit the children to leave the country.

ZOA RECEIVES HIGHEST U.S. AWARD FOR SELLING \$10,000,000 WORTH OF WAR BONDS

WASHINGTON, March 2.(JTA)-- The Zionist organization of America today received the Treasury Department's highest award for the success of its February war bond campaign, which is expected to bring in a total of \$12,500,000. Reports so far received show that \$10,300,000 worth of bonds have been sold.

William C. Fitzgibbons, special assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., presented the certificate of merit to Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York, chairman of the organization's National War Effort Committee, at ZOA headquarters here.

ANTI-SEMITIC TALK OF POLISH "LECTURER" AROUSES INDIGNATION AMONG JEWS IN LONDON

LONDON, March 2.(JTA)-- Jewish circles here are indignant over an anti-Semitic "lecture" delivered by Wacław Sledzinski, a Polish journalist who claims that he left Poland recently, in which he alleged that 7,000 Jews are employed by the Gestapo.

The "lecturer" discussed the Jewish situation in Nazi-held Poland in a manner hostile to the Jews, citing "facts" which contradict well-verified reports issued here by the Polish Government-in-Exile.

Jewish leaders here today also complained that promotions of Jewish chaplains in the Polish Army are not keeping pace with those of the Catholic chaplains. There are now seven Jewish chaplains in the Polish armed forces. Two of them are in Britain and five are stationed in the Middle East.

MINDS OF MEN DULLED BY NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS, LONDON PAPER SAYS

LONDON, March 2, (JTA)-- Three years of Nazi atrocities against Jews have dulled the minds of men, the London Express, influential daily newspaper, says in an editorial today. The paper declares that the civilized world should be aroused by the mass-slaughter of Jews in Kharkov. "We have a duty to punish and avenge," the article says.

Two-hundred and seventy members of Parliament have indicated their support of the motion introduced in the House of Commons recently, asking the British Government to take immediate action to save the Jews in Europe from extermination, it was disclosed today by Prof. A.V. Hill, Conservative M.P., who is one of the leaders of the drive to secure aid for the Jews. At the same time Prof. Hill pointed out that if all the refugees able to immigrate to Britain were admitted, the total Jewish population of the country would still not comprise one percent of the entire population.

75,000 SOUGHT ENTRANCE TO NEW YORK MEETING PROTESTING NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

NEW YORK, March 2, (JTA)-- More than 75,000 Jews and Christians attempted to enter Madison Square Garden last night three hours before the opening of the demonstration against the Nazi extermination of Jews, the New York police authorities estimated today. In addition to the 20,000 who succeeded in entering, thousands stood outside the building listening to the speeches which were conveyed from the platform through loud speakers while tens of thousands of people at home heard the proceedings which were broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was one of the principal speakers, pointed out that future historians "will be puzzled by the apathy of the civilized world in the face of this immense, systematic carnage of human beings whose sole guilt was membership in the people who gave the commandments of the moral law of mankind." He emphasized that it is the "clear duty" of the democracies to negotiate with Germany through neutral countries concerning the possible release of the Jews in occupied territories. "Let havens be designated in the vast territories of the United Nations which will give sanctuary to those fleeing from imminent murder," Dr. Weizmann said. "Let the gates of Palestine be opened to all who can reach the shores of the Jewish Homeland."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the demonstration, accused the democracies of not paying sufficient attention to the Nazi massacres of Jews. He declared that the total of Jews slain by the Nazis this year is higher than the probable casualties in the English and American armies during the entire war.

Green Demands Free Immigration to Palestine

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, demanded an "open door in Palestine for Jews escaping Nazi Europe." He also urged the United States to examine the possibilities of admitting such Jews into this country under the quota restrictions and of securing exit permits for them. James B. Carey, speaking for the C.I.O., pointed out that "the slaughter of the Jews in occupied Europe is an atrocity that moves us all."

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, in a message assured the audience that Great Britain was determined that the United Nations' declaration condemning "the horrible and unbelievable Nazi atrocities against the Jews in

Europe shall be followed by practical action." He stated that the British Government has undertaken to receive in Palestine up to 29,000 Jewish children from Europe, with a proportion of adults, by March 31, 1944. In a broadcast from London, Sir William H. Beveridge, author of Great Britain's post-war social security program, urged that the United Nations declare now their joint responsibility for making adequate and permanent settlement of the future of Jewry in Europe and the world. "To win the war and leave the problem of Jewry unsettled for the future would be to fail in one of the objects of victory," he said.

Council of Churches Confers on Aiding Jews, Bishop Announces

Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. and president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, told the meeting that "the Christian people of America must join with their Jewish fellow-citizens not only in protesting against brutal and cruel persecution, but also in using every means in our power for putting an end to it." He disclosed that at the present time the Federal Council of Churches is conferring with Jewish leaders in this country in order to extend the utmost cooperation possible in efforts to help the Jews in Nazi Europe.

Three speeches were brought to the meeting by radio; from Supreme Court Justice Douglas and Sen. Robert F. Wagner in Washington, and Gov. Dewey in Albany. "The foundation of our society," said Douglas, "is the minority. It is not merely the minority based on race, creed or color. It is first and foremost the smallest minority of all - the individual conscience. History has shown that once persecution is unloosed on one minority, it spreads like a blight. We know that man is strong only when man is free, that man is free only when he has those inalienable rights proclaimed by our declaration of independence."

Other speakers at the demonstration included Sir Norman Angell, Nobel prize winner; Mayor LaGuardia; Rabbi Meier Berlin of Palestine; Dr. Henry Atkinson, general secretary of the Church Peace Union; Dr. George M. Shuster, president of Hunter College; Mrs. Tamar de Sola Pool and Herman Shulman. Messages were read from the Archbishop of Canterbury; Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster; Yugoslav Ambassador Fotitch; Netherlands Ambassador Loudon; Luxembourg Minister Legallais; Wendell Willkie and Chief Rabbi Hertz of Great Britain.

DR. SIMON HEVESI, HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD IN BUDAPEST AT 75

NEW YORK, March 2.(JTA)-- Dr. Simon Hevesi, 75, Chief Rabbi of Pest, and a noted scholar and author, has died in that city, his son, Eugene, who resides in New York, was informed today through neutral diplomatic channels. The cause of Rabbi Hevesi's death is not known.

Dr. Hevesi, who would have celebrated his fiftieth year in the ministry in 1944, had been Rabbi of the Pest Jewish community since 1905. During his incumbency he was responsible for the development of Jewish culture and education throughout Hungary and was active in welfare and religious organizations. At the time of his death he was president of the Rabbinical Association of Hungary. During the chaotic post-war years in Hungary and in the period after 1929 when violent anti-Semitic activity was resumed, Dr. Hevesi was instrumental in saving the Jewish population from much humiliation and persecution.

In 1939, before the outbreak of the war, Dr. Hevesi visited the United States where he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He wrote numerous studies on religious and philosophical subjects in Hebrew, Hungarian and German.