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MAJOR ANTI-JEWISH LAWS STILL IN FORCE IN NORTH AFRICA, ALGIERS CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

LONDON, March 11.(JTA)-- There has been no complete abolition of the anti-Jewish laws in North Africa as yet despite Gen. Giraud's announcement this week that "a decree signed in Vichy is not valid in North Africa" and notwithstanding the fact that the department dealing with Jewish affairs has been dissolved, a broadcast from Algiers said today.

The broadcast was made by John MacVane, a British correspondent stationed in Algeria. "Jewish doctors and lawyers are still not allowed to resume practicing," he reported. "Civil and military regulations still make sharp distinctions between Jews and non-Jews."

Jewish leaders in Algiers, who questioned a high French official as to when the anti-Jewish laws would actually be abolished, were told that they should not expect the outlawing of the Vichy restrictions against Jews, the British correspondent reported. At present, the anti-Jewish laws are only slightly eased, he added.

The most important anti-Jewish laws issued by the Vichy regime have not yet been rescinded in North Africa. They are the law signed by Petain last February abrogating the historic Cremieux decree of 1870 giving Jews in Algeria equal rights with Frenchmen, and the Vichy decree of June 2, 1940 which bars persons of Jewish blood from public office and certain professions. The Vichy decrees cancelled by Gen. Giraud's order this week are of minor importance, but the Morocco radio, in announcing their abolition, implied that all anti-Jewish laws had been nullified.

JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES 200 PALESTINE CERTIFICATES FOR JEWISH INTERNEES IN SPAIN

LISBON, March 11.(JTA)-- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today cabled Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, informing him that it has assigned 200 Palestine immigration certificates to Jewish refugees now interned in the Miranda camp in Spain.

One hundred and fifty of the certificates are to be granted to persons between 18 and 35 years of age; the remainder are to be given to refugees over 35 years old. The distribution of the certificates will be carried out in cooperation with the Lisbon office of the Hias-Ica.

ITALY WILL DEPORT INTERNED CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS TO NAZI-HELD POLAND

LONDON, March 11.(JTA)-- More than 500 Jewish refugees from Czechoslovakia now interned in Italy are threatened with deportation to Nazi-held Poland, the Board of Deputies of British Jews learned today. The majority of the internees are women and children.

Archbishop Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate in London, today informed the Agudas Israel organization that he is in constant communication with the Holy See regarding the sufferings of the Jews in Europe. "I am assured that the Pope is always active in their behalf in every way open to him," the Archbishop's message stated.

EGYPTIAN INTERVENTION AGAINST PRO-ZIONIST ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA PLEASES ARABS

JERUSALEM, March 11.(JTA)-- Arab newspapers in Palestine are jubilant over the report that the Egyptian Government has officially queried American authorities regarding the nature of the pro-Zionist activities of the 68 members of the Senate and 194 members of the House of Representatives who signed a statement declaring that the Balfour Declaration "was designed to open the gates of Palestine to homeless and harassed multitudes and to pave the way for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth."

"We know now," the Arab newspaper Falaatin writes, "that the Palestine problem is no longer an orphan and that it is engaging the attention of the United Nations." The paper quotes the Egyptian Premier as stating: "We are interested in the Palestine question as much as we are interested in the Egyptian question. We follow all that happens in Palestine and we do what we can. When I heard what was being published and stated in America about Palestine, I addressed myself to the American authorities for information. I have now received the material and intend to give my reply."

The Cairo newspaper El Masri emphasizes that "the interest taken by Premier Mustapha Nachas Pasha in Palestine reflects the natural position of Egypt in assuming leadership of other Eastern nations."

MALCOLM MACDONALD MAY BE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE AT OTTAWA PARLEY ON REFUGEE AID

LONDON, March 11.(JTA)-- Malcolm MacDonald, former Secretary for Colonies and now British High Commissioner to Canada, may be one of the British representatives to the proposed Anglo-American refugee parley in Ottawa, according to reports circulating in usually well-informed political circles here today.

A protest meeting in Liverpool today, addressed by the Anglican and Catholic bishops of the city, adopted a resolution expressing horror at the massacre of Europe's Jews by the Nazis and hailing the declaration that those responsible for the atrocities shall be punished. The resolution urged the Government to take all possible steps to secure sanctuary for those persons who succeed in fleeing from Nazi-held countries.

ANTI-JEWISH LAWS APPLIED TO NORWEGIANS WHO REFUSE TO DIVORCE JEWISH SPOUSES

STOCKHOLM, March 11.(JTA)-- Norwegians who are married to Jews and who refuse to divorce them are subject to all the discriminatory legislation affecting Jews proper, according to a ruling by the Quisling authorities, it is reported in the Svenska Dagbladet today. As a result of this decision, many Norwegian names, such as Anderson and Borgetrom, are frequently found in lists of persons whose property has been confiscated because they are Jewish, the Dagbladet says.

The Swedish Socialist paper, Arbetet, today carries an obituary on Henryk Erlich and Victor Alter, stating that the Soviet accusation that the two Polish-Jewish labor leaders sought to induce Russian troops to conclude a separate peace with Germany are without foundation. Both were staunch fighters for the workers and died as Polish-Jews and Socialists and not as traitors, the Arbetet writes.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS CELEBRATION OF TERCENTENARY OF SIR ISAAC NEWTON

JERUSALEM, March 11.(JTA)-- The Hebrew University's celebration of the tercentenary of the birth of Sir Isaac Newton, the father of modern physics, was opened here today with an address by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the University. Profs. Farenkel and Gracah read papers on Newton's influence on modern science

ONLY EIGHT OF 210 JEWS LEFT IN HUNGARIAN SLAVE LABOR UNIT AT FRONT

MOSCOW, March 11.(JTA)-- A systematic regime of brutality which in nine months reduced a Jewish forced labor company in the Hungarian army from 210 to eight men was described here today by Ludwig Hartman, a Jewish conscript who was captured by the Red Army on the Voronezh front.

This is Hartman's story as told to the Red Army officers who questioned him: "In April of 1942 Ober-Lieut. Murois before sending Labor Battalion 101, to which my company was attached, to the front, addressed the subordinate officers, telling them that they had 210 Jews, each, under their command and that 'you must not give them any rest, day or night. Anyone who comes back with more than ten men will be considered a good-for-nothing.' During the following months we were literally driven from place to place and forced to construct fortifications. The food was vile and the only reason we ate it was because we had been reduced to a state of starvation and the slop was warm.

"Finally we were sent to Archangelskoye. Here we were worked frequently from three in the morning until midnight. During the two-and-a-half months we were there, dozens of men died from typhoid fever, dysentery and pneumonia. There was no medical assistance or medicine of any kind. It was during this period that most of our men succumbed. Thirty-two between the ages of 23 and 26 were listed by the officers as having died 'from old age.' Many men froze to death. When the Russians forced the Hungarian troops to retreat, there were only eight of us left."

HOUSE BILL ASKS BARRING OF ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATIONS FROM MAILS

WASHINGTON, March 11.(JTA)-- Post office authorities are preparing a report on publications inciting racial hatred, following a speech yesterday by Rep. Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrat, who has introduced a bill to bar such material from the mails.

A similar bill, introduced by Dickstein during the last Congress, was never acted upon. This time Dickstein has asked a hearing on his proposal, and chairman Thomas G. Burch of the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, yesterday requested the post office to report on the bill.

\$300,000 DRIVE FOR CHILD REFUGEES LAUNCHED AT MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 11.(JTA)-- A national campaign to raise \$300,000 to bring refugee children from Europe to Palestine was launched today at an emergency conference of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America, the national religious women's Zionist movement, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel attended by more than 700 delegates and representatives of synagogue sisterhoods.

A resolution calling for the establishment by the United Nations of an inter-governmental agency, with authority to negotiate through neutral countries for the release of Jewish victims now in Nazi-occupied countries, was adopted. The representatives also demanded that the gates of Palestine be opened for wide-scale immigration of Jews from Axis territory. The sentiments of these and other resolutions were incorporated in a telegram to President Roosevelt asking him to use his good offices to put these policies into effect.

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, world president of the Mizrachi who recently arrived from Jerusalem to confer with American Zionist leaders, told the conference that "American Jewry is the only hope for the rescue of European Jewry, and Palestine is the foremost haven for the rehabilitation of untold thousands of Hitler's victims."

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES URGES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO SAVE JEWS IN NAZI EUROPE

CINCINNATI, March 11.(JTA)-- A six-point resolution urging that steps be taken to save the Jews in Germany and conquered lands was adopted here by the Council of Churches at a joint session with the Church and Social Work Division of the Council of Social Agencies at the Central Parkway Y.M.C.A. The resolution urged President Roosevelt and his counselors "to strive to secure united action with our Allies" toward the following ends:

1. Efforts be made through neutral nations urging them to try to prevail upon Germany to permit Jews to leave the lands Germany dominates, especially to permit children to escape and go elsewhere in the world.
2. The opening of the doors of Palestine to refugee who may find harbor there, and a generous policy of giving sanctuary on the part of the United Nations themselves to those who may knock at their gates.
3. Conversations with adjacent neutral lands, like Sweden and Switzerland, to pursue a generous humanitarian policy in regard to Jews who may find their way across the borders.
4. Every effort be made to reach an agreement for feeding the Jews of Central Europe who are reported to be now given one-fourth of one-fifth the low ration allowed to Poles, or other subject populations.
5. The immediate liberation of all prisoners in North African concentration camps whose imprisonment is the result of racial discrimination.
6. The public statement that all leaders and followers responsible for the massacre of Jews will be brought to justice, and will be given the utmost rigor of the law, after the war shall be over.

"The massacres of Jews by the Nazis and their henchmen have aroused the horror of what remains of the civilized world," the resolution states. "As ministers of the Christian religion, we proclaim, in the face of these savage acts, our burning indignation, and our earnest longing to do all within our powers to help these stricken children of God."

JEWS IN CHILE SATISFIED WITH GOVERNMENT'S RELAXATION OF ANTI-REFUGEE DECREE

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 11.(JTA)-- Satisfaction is expressed in Jewish circles here concerning the activities of the commission which the Government of Chile set up recently to re-examine the cases of refugees who were ordered to move from Santiago to agricultural districts on the pretext that when they entered the country they pledged to settle in the sparsely-populated southern regions as agricultural workers.

The Jewish community of Chile which has intervened with the government against the order which affected 3,500 Jewish refugees, was notified that the original decree giving the refugees sixty days notice to move from the capital has been modified under a new decree published in the official gazette. The new decree provides that the recently established commission "will study the applications of the interested persons and will submit a report on each individual case to the Minister of Interior who will render the final decision."

In re-examining the cases of the refugees who were ordered to move into the interior, the commission is guided by the following three principles outlined by the government in its new decree: 1. That certain refugees, though admitted on the condition that they settle in agricultural districts, have established themselves in Santiago in positions where their removal to agricultural work would harm Chile's national economy; 2. That the removal of other categories of refugees from Santiago to the southern regions of the country would only result in "evident disadvantages" for themselves and the members of their families without bringing any benefit to the country; 3. That a certain number of refugees have developed in Santiago industrial enterprises which are of importance to the country's economic system.