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## JEWS IN ALGERIA RESENT BEING DEPRIVED OF FRENCH CITIZENSHIP BY GEN. GIRAUD

ALGIERS, March 18, (JTA)-- Although gratified at Gen. Giraud's cancellation of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws, Jews in Algeria today expressed their resentment at his revocation of the Cremieux decree which gave them French citizenship. They made it clear that for them Gen. Giraud's "new deal" is a severe and discriminatory misdeal.

The newspapers here headlined the annulment of all the anti-Jewish laws introduced by the Vichy regime since June 22, 1940. But the Jews call this a misstatement, since the Cremieux law was also abrogated by a Vichy edict and Gen. Giraud has similarly declared it void, on the grounds of ending "racial discrimination" between Jews and Arabs, despite the fact that the Arabs refused French citizenship since it would require their acceptance of French civil law, which runs counter to the tenets of Islam.

The official declaration repealing the Vichy anti-Jewish laws read: "Legislative and regulative provisions subsequent to June 22, 1940 and establishing discrimination based upon the fact of being a Jew, are null and void." At the same time the ordinance abrogates the Cremieux decree. The ordinance leaves it up to the Governors and Resident Generals of Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and French West Africa to fix the conditions under which the Jews will be reinstated to public functions, and re-employed in public services. These local administrators are also to determine the conditions under which confiscated Jewish property shall be returned to Jews. The ordinance specifies that Jews will be permitted to claim indemnity for losses suffered by the "Aryanization" of their property under the Vichy laws.

## Jewish Delegation Sees State Department on Giraud's Abolition of Cremieux Law

WASHINGTON, March 18, (JTA)-- A Jewish delegation, led by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, today visited under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles in an attempt to secure from the State Department clarification on the status of the Jews in Algeria, following the revocation yesterday by Gen. Giraud of the French citizenship granted Algerian Jews under the Cremieux Law of 1870.

The delegation represented the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress. It pointed out that an injustice has been done to the Jews of Algeria by depriving them of their French citizenship, since now they cannot hold any except minor rank in the French Army and cannot vote in elections for delegates to the Algerian General Assembly or for deputies to the French Parliament.

It was admitted here today that Gen. Giraud's legal position in repealing the Cremieux decree is weak, since he is abrogating a specific law of the French Republic just when he is professing to restore all of them. Adrien Tixier, head of the Fighting French delegation in this country, said that the abrogation of the Cremieux Law by Gen. Giraud has created considerable confusion. He announced that he has queried Fighting French headquarters in London as to what the action of Gen. Giraud really means. "The Cremieux decree cannot be abolished and replaced by no thing," he said, indicating his doubts as to what political and civil rights the Jews in Algeria will now possess.

BARON ROTHSCHILD, FRENCH JEWISH LEADER, PROTESTS ABOLITION OF CREMIEUX LAW

NEW YORK, March 18.(JTA)-- Baron Edouard de Rothschild, president of the Consistoire Central des Israelites de France et d'Algerie, central administrative body of French Jewry since 1808, today issued the following statement:

"General Giraud's interesting speech raises great hopes and contains many encouraging and gratifying elements. Nevertheless, it is most difficult to understand its full meaning with regard to the Jewish question. It gives rise to a feeling of anxiety among all those who have been victims of the racial laws and among the miserable human beings tortured by the Nazis. This move in the right direction is so muddled, so filled with disconcerting phraseology that all sorts of doubts and suspicions are aroused.

"With regard to the Cremieux Decree of 1870 which bestowed French citizenship on all the Jews then living in Algeria under French sovereignty, it should be pointed out that its abrogation arbitrarily and illegally deprives of their citizenship French citizens, born on French soil, whose ancestors were citizens of France. The annulment of the Cremieux Decree proves the desire of some of the leading personalities in Algeria to attempt to maintain anti-Semitism in North Africa, which can only lead to unfortunate complications and thus hinder the so eagerly desired unity of all Frenchmen. This development will have a detrimental effect on the prosecution of the war. The most undesirable elements of the Vichy regime have succeeded in confusing General Giraud and in misleading him entirely. It cannot be otherwise.

"French citizens, descendants of the Jews who were naturalized under the Cremieux Decree in 1870, do not derive their citizenship from the decree and therefore cannot be affected by its abrogation, because they are citizens by birth. Therefore its cancellation - which emulates the Vichy law of February, 1942 - constitutes a great injustice. The most sacred rights of citizenship are retroactively violated by the abrogation of the Cremieux Decree. Any future election in Algeria will have no meaning and will be null and void since a great number of French citizens are now unlawfully deprived of the right to vote.

"All those French Jews born in Africa have now been forced into an economic and social status far below that of the Arabs of the French Empire. It is with grief and indignation that I protest against such a state of affairs. I hope and trust that my words will be heeded in the highest quarters. Such evil must be prevented at all costs."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADOPTS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 18.(JTA)-- The House of Representatives today adopted the resolution passed by the Senate on March 9, condemning the Nazi "mass-murder of Jewish men, women and children" and asking that those guilty, directly or indirectly, of these criminal acts should be punished "in a manner commensurate with the offenses for which they are responsible."

The resolution was originally introduced in the Senate by Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader. It was passed in the House of Representatives today without a dissenting vote and without any discussion from the floor.

Terming the Nazi atrocities "brutal and infeasible outrages" the resolution condemns them as "unworthy of any nation or any regime which pretends to be civilized." It declares that "the dictates of humanity and honorable conduct in war demand that this inexcusable slaughter and mistreatment shall cease."

BRITISH PAPERS URGE EDEN TO PRESS WASHINGTON FOR SWIFT ACTION ON SAVING JEWS

LONDON, March 18. (JTA)-- Hope that Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, will utilize his stay in the United States to bring about more concrete action by the Allied Nations to save the Jews in Nazi Europe, was expressed in the press here today following a meeting last night arranged by the British Commonwealth movement at which England was urged to admit more Jewish refugees.

"It is of the utmost urgency that Secretary Eden should discuss in Washington all matters concerning the forthcoming British-American conference on refugee problems which is to take place in Ottawa," the News Chronicle, a leading London newspaper, writes in an editorial today. "There are many difficulties to overcome, such as the difficulties in securing transportation, food supplies and passports for the victims who may be saved from Nazi hands. There is the initial difficulty of getting these victims across the frontier. But whatever the inconveniences may be, the plight of those suffering from Nazi savagery lays obligations upon us which our conscience does not dare to reject. We hope that Eden will utilize his stay in the United States to press for swift action on the part of the United Nations to rescue those who can still be rescued."

Presiding at the meeting of the British Commonwealth movement, Rev. James Parkes declared that it is not enough to wait for the outcome of the Ottawa conference. "There are things which we can do ourselves," he said. He urged the removal of the existing restrictions on the entry of refugees into British territories. Other speakers demanded that the British Government take action to feed the starving Jewish as well as non-Jewish people in Nazi-occupied countries.

Replying to the contention of the British Government that no more refugees can be admitted into England because of the shortage of dwellings and food, the British Pacifist Organization announced today that it received more than 100 offers of homes for refugee children almost immediately after issuing an appeal for shelter for such children. The argument that the housing conditions and shortage of food makes it impossible to admit more refugees was advanced by the British Government in its correspondence with the Government of the United States which resulted in the calling of the Ottawa conference.

JEWISH LABOR IN PALESTINE PLANS TO TAKE OVER INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AFTER WAR

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA)-- The establishment by the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine, of a social security system "which is more just and more progressive than the Beveridge plan in England," was announced today by the Histadruth leader, David Remez, addressing the three-day conference of the Histadruth now in session here.

Mr. Remez predicted that it will be necessary for the Histadruth to take over, after the war, many industrial enterprises in the country. "In order to avoid sharp unemployment and also to save Jewish industry from possible disaster," He emphasized that agriculture no longer dominates the Jewish economy in Palestine.

It was reported at the session that the left wing of the Poale-Zion Party in Palestine has joined with the right wing of that party and formed a united body which has opened negotiations with the Hashomer Hazair, the radical wing of the Histadruth, for the establishment of a united front of all Socialist Zionist groups in Palestine.

JEWS IN VOROSHILOVGRAD LURED TO DEATH; TOLD THEY WERE BEING SENT TO PALESTINE

KUIBYSHEV, March 18.(JTA)-- Thousands of Jews in the large Russian city of Voroshilovgrad, recently recaptured by the Red Army, were lured to their death before firing squads by a rumor spread secretly by the Nazis that all Jews there were to be evacuated to Palestine, it is disclosed today in an account released by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee on the basis of an eye-witness report from Voroshilovgrad.

"Early one week," the report states, "the Germans circulated a rumor that all the Jews were to be shipped off to Palestine. Mad as the rumor was, the starving, tormented people were ready to grasp at any straw. That Saturday evening a notice was posted ordering Jews to report, together with their belongings, at the municipal stadium the next morning. As soon as dawn came, scores of people wearing black six-pointed stars on their sleeves could be seen trudging toward the stadium, carrying large bundles. Many had babes in arms and others led aged and tottering people.

"At the stadium, motor-cars were ready. Load after load of Jews was whisked to the outskirts of the city, while more and more unfortunates arrived at the stadium, unaware of their ultimate destination. By noon, however, the city learned of the tragedy that was being enacted. As the carloads of Jews arrived at the outskirts of the city, they were stripped of their clothing and group after group were methodically shot down. All day long the crackle of gun shots could be heard in outlying sections of the city. Among those executed were two noted aged Jewish doctors, Moshe Katz and Isaac Fihskin."

BRITAIN REFUSES TO ADMIT PARENTS OF ALIENS SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

LONDON, March 18.(JTA)-- Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, speaking in Commons today, reiterated that the British Government did not intend to ease its immigration regulations to permit the entry of parents of aliens now serving in the British armed forces. Morrison added that "exceptions were made for the wives of men serving in the Allied forces, but it is impossible to extend that to their other relatives."

J.D.C. SENDS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, March 18.(JTA)-- Louis H. Sobel, a member of the overseas staff of the Joint Distribution Committee, today left for South America to act as permanent representative of the JDC there. He will coordinate programs of relief and rehabilitation for the Jewish refugees in various Latin American countries.

"Mr. Sobel's task will be to bring about in all South American countries a greater degree of participation by local Jewish communities in refugee aid activities," Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, declared.

ROSENWALD GIVES COLLECTION OF RARE ARTS AND BOOKS TO THE NATION

WASHINGTON, March 18.(JTA)-- The National Gallery of Arts and the Library of Congress today announced that the Lessing J. Rosenwald collection of prints, drawings, manuscripts and rare books has been given to the nation. The collection includes woodcuts and engravings by 15th century printmakers, 230 etchings by Rembrandt, 367 prints by Whistler and many illustrated books from famous early presses in Germany, Italy, France and the Lowlands.