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GERMANS WIPE OUT JEWS IN FIVE POLISH TOWNS; JEWISH GIRL LEADS GUERRILLAS AGAINST NAZI

LONDON, March 21.(JTA)-- According to information reaching the Polish Government through underground channels yesterday, all of the Jews in five large towns in Poland have been exterminated by the Nazis. The towns are Radomsk, Radzymin, Ujazd, Sobolew and Szezawiec. No details concerning the massacres were received.

Malka Epstein, a 22-year-old Jewish girl, is now a legendary figure in Central Poland, a report reaching Polish government circles today stated. She is said to have become the leader of a guerrilla unit with headquarters in caves located in old quarries in the Kielce district. From these headquarters, the report says, the Jewish girl has been conducting sabotage and raids on Nazi units for the last eighteen months. She is credited with destroying many German munition stores and with derailling trains which were carrying German soldiers to the Russian front.

ABROGATION OF CREMIEUX LAW CONTRARY TO LAWS OF REPUBLIC, FIGHTING FRENCH LEADER SAYS

LONDON, March 21.(JTA)-- General Giraud's recent abrogation of the 1870 Cremieux Law, which conferred automatic citizenship on Algerian Jews, was condemned by a high Fighting French legal authority today as a "Fascist act contrary to the laws of the French Republic and racial in character."

The Giraud action, he said, deprives 80,000 Algerian Jews of the right to participate in any municipal or parliamentary elections and prevents them from exercising the duties of magistrates, of administrators of mixed communes, of government secretaries and other functions. Jews who had been members of municipal councils or the Conseils Generaux will, under the Giraud edict, not be able to resume their duties. They will also be deprived of seats in the important Delegations Financieres, body which controls taxation. Hence while Arabs, as natives who rejected French citizenship because they did not want to give up their so-called personal status entitling them to have recourse to Moslem Law, are represented in the councils and the taxation body, Jews, as disenfranchised natives, will have no voice in those bodies.

Under the Giraud decree, the Jews in Algeria must continue to be subject to French law wherever personal status and military service are concerned. Arabs, on the other hand, while enjoying civil rights now denied the Jews, are not subject to French law unless they choose to apply for citizenship. They have had the right to do this since 1865, under a law further liberalized in 1919, provided they gave up their personal status permitting them polygamy and other privileges, but few have availed themselves of the opportunity.

The Fighting French jurist described as Nazi-inspired the argument that Moslems were jealous of the Jews in Algeria, contending that they sought to increase their political rights rather than abolish those of the Jews.

"Besides," he said, "the Moslems seeing the Jews deprived of rights they possessed for 70 years are bound to fear that similar measures may one day be taken against them."

ENGLISHMEN ALARMED OVER INCREASE OF ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION IN BRITAIN

LONDON, March 21.(JTA)-- Alarmed over the increased manifestations of anti-Semitism in England, fostered by Fascist elements, the National Council of Civil Liberties today announced that it will ask the British Government to promulgate legislation making the spreading of anti-Semitic propaganda, by individuals as well as by organizations, a criminal offense.

The Council also joined in the demand that the British Government take effective measures to rescue the Jews in Nazi Europe, by guaranteeing neutral countries that these Jews will not become a burden upon them if admitted, and by opening the doors of Britain and of British territories to the Jewish victims.

Lady Snowden, prominent welfare leader, addressing a meeting here demanded that Britain and the United States amend their immigration laws in order to admit more Jews from Nazi Europe. She assured the audience that "thousands of homes are ready to receive these Jews."

FASCISTS EXPELLED FROM PARTY FOR DINING WITH JEWS; MUFTI FAILS IN YUGOSLAVIA

BERN, March 21.(JTA)-- Fourteen members of the Fascist Party who were seen dining in a Venice restaurant with Jews have been expelled from the party "for lack of Fascist conscience," the Italian newspaper Popolo di Roma reaching here today reports. The restaurant was closed down temporarily for accommodating the group.

The Italian press also reports the closing of the recruiting office which the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem set up in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, to enlist Moslems for an Arab Legion to fight with the Axis armies. The office was closed "due to lack of volunteers," the Italian newspapers state.

HUNGARIAN WOMEN FLOUT NAZIS BY WEARING MOGEN DAVIDS ON NEW SPRING SUITS

ZURICH, March 21.(JTA)-- Hungarian women are openly displaying their contempt for the pro-Nazi Hungarian regime by donning Mogen-Davids, which Jews are now compelled to wear, according to an article appearing in the Budapest newspaper, Uj Magyarasag, which reached here today.

The paper complains that "the women no longer confine their madness to listening to broadcasts from England and Moscow. Some now go so far as to demonstrate their sympathies in the streets. Especially ladies in new spring suits who wear the Star of David on their costumes."

BRITAIN PERMITS DELIVERY OF PASSOVER FOOD FROM HAVANA TO SWITZERLAND

LONDON, March 21.(JTA)-- The British Ministry of Economic Warfare today announced that it will permit the delivery of a large quantity of Passover food to an Italian port, for trans-shipment to the Jewish communities in Switzerland.

The food, consisting mostly of Kosher meat, is being carried on a Swiss steamer from Havana. The Jewish communities in Switzerland have always depended on Kosher meat from abroad, since ritual slaughter is prohibited there.

RABEINATE IN TRIPOLI APPEALS FOR MATZOES FOR 32,000 NEEDY JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 21.(JTA)-- An appeal to the Jews of Palestine to send sufficient matzohe for 32,000 needy Jews in Tripoli was received here today by the Jewish National Council from the Chief Rabbi of Tripoli. The Chief Rabbi also asked that two Hebrew teachers be sent to Tripoli.

HISTADRUTH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH APPEAL FOR RUSSIA; DEMANDS RESCUE OF JEWS

TEL AVIV, March 21.(JTA)-- An appeal to the United Nations "to remove part of the burden from Russia" was issued by the Histadruth conference at its concluding session here today.

The conference of the Jewish Federation of Labor also sent greetings to the Red Army, to the British Eighth Army in Africa and to the Jewish units fighting at the front as part of the British armed forces. It also adopted a resolution appealing to the labor movements throughout the world to urge their governments to take effective steps to save the Jews from Nazi extermination.

The resolutions dealing with Palestine problems emphasized that the Palestine Jewish workers will continue their contributions to the war effort by working nights and in places remote from their homes in order to provide the needed supplies to the armed forces. At the same time, they stressed that the Histadruth will continue to fight the present labor legislation of the Palestine administration. The Palestine Government was requested in one of the resolutions to effectively combat the high cost of living and to stabilize the prices of food and other commodities in proportion to the present wage level.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT GRANTS SUBSIDY TO JEWISH THEATER; DECORATES POLISH JEWS

KUIBYSHEV, March 21.(JTA)-- The government of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic has allotted a subsidy of 750,000 roubles to the Kiev Jewish State Theatre, which for the past year has been functioning in the city of Jambul in the Asiatic republic of Kazakhstan, it was reported today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here. The Kiev theater has gained great popularity in Jambul, playing to Russian and Kasakh audiences as well as to Jews.

The Committee also revealed today that many of the thousands of Jewish refugees from Poland who are now working in all fields of Soviet agriculture and industry have been decorated and cited for their efforts. It also reported that hundreds of Jewish youths, who were denied higher education in Poland, are now studying in leading Soviet universities, under government grants.

JEWISH FARM SCHOOL GRADUATES MEN TO AID AMERICA'S FOOD PRODUCTION

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.(JTA)-- Twenty-seven members of the senior class of the National Farm School, Bucks County, Pa., today completed the school's three-year course and will soon leave for posts as experts on food production. They received their diplomas at the institution's 43rd annual commencement.

Dr. John A. Lester, of Doylestown, Pa., executive secretary of the Friends Council on Education, was the principal speaker at the exercises, which were held in the Louchheim Auditorium and attended by hundreds of neighboring townspeople. Dr. Lester, who has visited and studied school systems in many European countries, including Soviet Russia, stressed the value of the Farm School's unique program of teaching, which combines theory with practical experience.

Dr. Harold B. Allen, president, emphasized that Farm School students make their contribution to the nation's food supply even while training. "Last year," he said, "students at the National Farm School produced on our 1,000 acres, 800,000 pounds of milk, over 600,000 eggs, 8,000 pounds of butter, 10,000 bushels of potatoes and 4,000 bushels of apples." Simultaneously, Dr. Allen announced that the School would be host to 100 high school boys from Philadelphia during the coming Easter vacation for intensive training as farm helpers so they may spend their summer vacations working on the land.

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LARGEST NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN U.S. HISTORY WILL OBSERVE PASSOVER THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA)-- Passover, which begins at sundown on Monday, April 19, will be observed this year by more members of the armed forces of the United States than ever before in the history of the country, it was announced yesterday by the Jewish Welfare Board.

Plans and supplies for the observance have been furnished by the board in cooperation with commanding officers and chaplains, including Christian as well as Jewish, the board's workers, and civilian rabbis in hundreds of communities in the United States and overseas.

"The Jewish Welfare Board is making plans so every Jewish man and woman in the service who wishes to can observe the Passover at special services in camp, in communities either through group seders or in private homes, in the field - in fact, wherever they are stationed," said Frank L. Weil, its president.

HADASSAH OPENS DRIVE TO PROVIDE FLEET OF BOMBERS FOR U.S. FORCES

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA)-- More than 600 chapters of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, have been asked to launch a nationwide campaign in 47 states to provide funds for the purchase of a fleet of bombers, which will be known as the "Hadassah Air Armada," it was announced today.

Chapters have been informed that the Treasury Department will name a medium bomber for the organization for every \$175,000 worth of "E" bonds sold by its members. For every \$300,000 sold a heavy bomber will be inscribed with Hadassah's name. Four thousand Hadassah members from Brooklyn will be the first to provide a Hadassah bomber tomorrow. They will announce the completion of their campaign for \$175,000 during a donor luncheon at the Hotel St. George.

B'nai B'rith Women Launch Campaign for 500 Pieces of Fighting Equipment

CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.(JTA)-- A nationwide ten-week campaign, during which the 500 senior and junior units of the B'nai B'rith Women will undertake to sell enough war bonds to enable the United States to buy a minimum of 500 pieces of fighting equipment for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, got under way today. This new campaign is in addition to the year-round bond selling activities of the B'nai B'rith Women, who are already credited with sales of over \$12,000,000.

Mizrachi Women in America Will Present Bomber to U.S. Armed Forces

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA)-- The Mizrachi Women's Organization of America today announced that it will present a bomber to the U.S. armed forces, which will bear the name of the organization.

FIRST ORT SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN HAVANA WITH COOPERATION OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA)-- The first ORT School in Havana, Cuba, has been established, with the official opening scheduled for March 28; it was announced today by George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation.

Dr. Raphael Guarn Inkian, Governor of Havana and Honorary President of the Cuban ORT Committee, will officiate at the opening, which will be attended by many prominent officials, including the Polish and Czechoslovakian Ministers to Cuba. The Havana ORT Committee, with the cooperation of the Cuban Government, has opened the school to give refugees an opportunity to become self-supporting and at the same time aid in the national defense program.