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U.S. IN CONTACT WITH OTHER NATIONS ON HAVENS FOR REFUGEES, HULL REPORTS

WASHINGTON, April 2.(JTA)-- Great Britain and the United States are keeping in close touch with potential "haven" countries, especially those of Latin America, in preparation for the forthcoming refugee conference in Bermuda, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today.

Hull reminded questioners at his press conference that since the Havana meeting of 1940 we have established special relations on the refugee problem with every country that has indicated a willingness to receive even a few of the Nazi victims.

Asked what was being done to find shelter for refugees in Turkey, and to admit other countries to the Bermuda conference as observers, Hull said Britain and the United States are making all possible efforts to find out what countries are willing to take refugees on satisfactory terms. Any terms that would assure the refugees safety would be satisfactory, he added.

Hull said that the problem, which he called urgent and important, was receiving attention every day and that the date of the conference would be announced soon.

CRACOW GHETTO IS "JUDENREIN," AMERICAN RENEGADE BROADCASTER IN BERLIN REPORTS

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- The Jewish ghetto in Cracow, into which thousands of Jews were driven several months ago when the Nazis adopted the policy of making most Polish towns "Judenrein" and concentrating the Jews in a few large cities, is now completely empty, according to a broadcast from Berlin today by "Paul Revere," renegade American who has been working for the Nazis.

Reporting on a visit he had just made to Cracow, the Nazi broadcaster stated that "there is not a single Jew left in the town." He asserted that the entire Jewish population had been sent to the Lublin area. As recently as last week, reports reaching Switzerland indicated that there were still 5,000 Jews in the Cracow ghetto.

Another Berlin broadcast today quoted official German statistics to the effect that 11,000 farms which were seized from Jews in Poland have now been settled by German colonists.

MANY JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS IN GAFSA BEFORE THEY FLED THE CITY

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- Eighty-two Jews, mostly women and children, were killed by the Nazis in the Tunisian city of Gafsa before the advancing British Eighth Army forced them to retreat from the town, according to reports reaching here today.

During the period that they held Gafsa, the German authorities threatened the Arab population with the death penalty and the confiscation of all their property if they sheltered any Jews.

FRENCH WAR VETERANS CABLE GIRAUD PROTESTING ABROGATION OF CREMIEUX LAW

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- Associations of French war veterans and invalids in Great Britain, it was learned today, have telegraphed to General Henri Giraud protesting his abrogation of the Cremieux Law of 1870, under which Jews of Algeria had been made French citizens.

Through Giraud's action a number of Jewish airmen from North Africa who had been decorated for heroism in General Charles De Gaulle's airforce and whose fathers and grandfathers had fought for France in two wars, suddenly found themselves deprived of French nationality, it was disclosed by an informed source.

Algerian Jews Drafting Protest to Giraud On Annulment of Cremieux Decree

NEW YORK, April 2.(JTA)-- Leaders of the Algerian Federation of Jewish Societies are drafting a protest to Gen. Giraud against his abrogation of the Cremieux Decree of 1870, it is reported in a copyrighted dispatch from North Africa appearing in the newspaper PM today.

The PM correspondent, Kenneth Crawford, reports that the protest is to be presented to Gen. Giraud by Dr. Henri Aboulker, one of the Federation leaders, who assisted in paving the way for Allied landings in November. Another Algerian Jewish leader told Crawford that Giraud had displayed a "fascist mentality," adding that unless the abrogation was revoked, the United States will be discredited throughout the world. Crawford was also told that the situation of the Jews in general had been improved by Giraud's cancellation of the Vichy anti-Jewish decrees.

ENGLISHMEN OF ALL RELIGIONS URGED TO COMBAT GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- Expressing alarm at the growth of anti-Semitism in England, the London News Chronicle in a special article today declares that "something must be done soon as anti-Semitism is not only immoral and hurtful to one section of the community, but a menace to our democracy which degrades the entire community."

Calling on people of all parties and religions to unite to fight "this fascist danger," the Chronicle says, "everyone should stamp on it hard every time it is encountered because it is a menace to the good name and good sense of all of us." The paper cites as an indication of the effectiveness of anti-Jewish propaganda, the fact that 42% of the persons queried in a recent public opinion poll estimated that there were many more Jews in England than actually reside here. Some persons even estimated that there were 3,000,000 Jews, while latest statistics show that there are about 300,000 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

DANISH OPERA COMPANY CRITICIZED BY NAZIS FOR PRESENTING GERSHWIN OPERETTA

STOCKHOLM, April 2.(JTA)-- The managers of the Royal Danish Opera House in Copenhagen are sharply criticized in the pro-Nazi Danish newspaper "Fadrelandet" for giving a performance of "Porgy and Bess" by "the Russian-American Jew, George Gershwin."

The paper, which is the organ of Fritz Clausen, Danish Quisling, charges that by presenting the operetta, the opera company has "honored" the United States.

ABSENCE OF CLEAR INTERNATIONAL POLICY HAMPERING RESCUE OF JEWS, BRITISH PRESS SAYS

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- The absence of a clearly defined international agreement concerning the policy which should be followed is hampering the work of rescuing the Jews in Europe and is having a particularly adverse effect on the neutral nations, the Manchester Guardian declares today, adding that it understands that preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming Bermuda conference will be announced here when Foreign Minister Anthony Eden returns home.

The Guardian emphasizes that the situation of the Jews in Europe indicates that there is little time to delay if measures in their behalf are to be effective. It points out that there is general uneasiness regarding the failure to take concrete action. Pointing to the recent deportations of Jews from the Balkans, the paper says that the possible spread of the war to this area will forever block the possibility of aiding the Jews there to escape and that action must be taken now.

A national committee for the rescue of victims of the Nazi terror has been formed here under the chairmanship of the Marquess of Crewe, it was announced today. Among the members of the committee are the Archbishop of Canterbury, Chief Rabbi Hertz, Lords Perth and Samuel, Colonel Czalet, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M. P. and many leaders of political life. Four Jewish central organizations, the Jewish Agency, the Joint Foreign Committee, Agudas Israel, and the World Jewish Congress are also represented on this committee.

PALESTINE POTASH WORKERS STRIKE; WAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS GENERAL INCREASE

JERUSALEM, April 2.(JTA)-- More than 1,000 workers of the Palestine Potash Co., one of the largest industrial enterprises in the country, went out on strike today as a result of the company's refusal to grant their demands for an increase in the basic wage rate, better housing and improved working conditions.

The Palestine Government's Wage Committee, under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice, today published its preliminary findings, recommending substantial increases in the basic wage rates. Revealing that the price index now stands at 215, the committee recommended a 100% increase for workers earning between \$42 and \$55 monthly plus additional increases depending on the price index at the moment and the number of dependents in the worker's family.

7,000 JEWISH REFUGEES IN GREAT BRITAIN SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

LONDON, April 2.(JTA)-- Seven thousand of the 50,000 German-Jewish refugees who entered England since the advent of the Nazi regime in Germany are now serving with the British armed forces, it was revealed today by Otto M. Schiff, chairman of the German-Jewish Aid Committee. Only 300 of the refugees, Schiff reported, are still being detained in internment centers.

The figures were announced at a meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the anti-Jewish boycott in Germany, which was the prelude to legislation which swept the Jews out of Germany's economic life and reduced them to the status of subjects, culminating in mass deportation.

Jews in Palestine Don Mogen Davids to Mark Anniversary of Nazi Boycott

JERUSALEM, April 2.(JTA)-- Jews throughout Palestine today donned yellow Mogen David badges inscribed "Proudly We Wear the Sign of Disgrace," to mark the tenth anniversary of the launching of the Nazi boycott against the Jews in the Reich. The entire Hebrew press carries editorials pointing out that the only solution of the Jewish problem is a Jewish national home in Palestine.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ADOPTS PENSION PROGRAM FOR REFORM RABBIS

NEW YORK, April 2.(JTA)-- A pension program designed to provide adequate annuities for the rabbis of the Reform congregations throughout the United States was adopted today at a round table conference of rabbis and presidents of congregations, meeting as part of the 38th Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here.

The council, which is being attended by more than 2,000 delegates and visitors, was opened this morning by Robert P. Goldman, president of the UAHC. The opening session was marked by an address by Adolph Rosenberg, chairman of the executive board of the UAHC, who reviewed the activities of the organization during the past year, and by the presentation to the delegates of Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, newly appointed executive director of the UAHC. Justice Meir Steinbrink of the New York State Supreme Court was elected president of the council.

A symposium on the "Pillars of Our Faith" was addressed by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit and Rabbi Alexander Steinbach of Brooklyn. Mr. Monsky stressed the role of charity as an important phase of religion which promotes social consciousness. The plight of the Jews in Europe makes the role of charity doubly important at the present time, Mr. Monsky stated. Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, addressed a special religious conclave of the council at Temple Emanu-El tonight.

Meeting concurrently with the UAHC is the 15th biennial session of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Chief discussion at today's sessions dealt with "The Family in Time of War" and the sisterhood's war activities.

FIRST ORT SCHOOL IN CUBA OPENED IN HAVANA: U.S., CUBAN, ALLIED DIPLOMATS PRESENT

HAVANA, April 2.(JTA)-- The first ORT school in Cuba was opened here this week with prominent Cuban officials, the American Consul, Allied diplomats and Jewish leaders in attendance. Jewish refugees here will be enrolled in the school where they will obtain training enabling them to secure employment in industrial enterprises.

Hundreds of people visited the school on the opening day including the Governor of Havana and representatives of the Ministry of Education. Greetings were received from the Emergency Committee of the World ORT Union in New York and from the American ORT Federation.

JEWISH PEOPLE SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO UNITED NATIONS, BISHOP MCCONNELL SAYS

NEW YORK, April 2.(JTA)-- The Jewish people should be admitted to the councils of the United Nations as an independent nation and should be granted "a seat at the peace conference that is to follow an Allied victory," Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Church, declared today in an article appearing in the new monthly, Jewish Mirror.

The Bishop, who was formerly president of the Federal Council of Churches, pointed to the existence of "a Jewish-Commonwealth-in-the-making in Palestine" as a basis for the recognition of the Jews as a nation. He added that to force Jews to remain content with representation by the governments of which they are at present nationals, would in certain cases place their fate "in the hands of persons and governments guilty of committing the gravest injustices and crimes against the Jews in recent times."