

VILNA GHETTO REPORTED LIQUIDATED; JEWISH RESISTANCE TO NAZIS IN GHETTOS CONTINUES

LONDON, May 3.(JTA)-- The complete liquidation by the Nazis of the ghetto in the city of Vilna, Poland, is reported today from Stockholm. The report quotes the Svenska Dagbladet, one of the largest Swedish newspapers. The Dagbladet says that at the end of 1941 there were still about 50,000 Jews in the ghetto, but they were all subsequently deported to unknown destinations.

S. Adler-Rudel, well-known Jewish social worker who recently returned to London from a visit to Sweden in connection with refugee relief work there, today reported at a public meeting here that while abroad he spoke to a number of people who recently succeeded in escaping from occupied Poland. "They all confirmed the latest press reports that Jews are actively resisting the Nazis and that Zionism is still a living force in the ghettos," he said.

The Archbishop of York, addressing 2,500 people last night in St. Paul's Cathedral, at an intercession service in connection with the celebration of Polish Constitution Day, cited the Jews as an example of courage and confidence in the future for all other enslaved nations. "When the Jews were conquered by a mighty enemy, more than 2,000 years ago, and their land was desolated, with the greater part of them driven into captivity and made refugees, only a small helpless and impoverished minority remaining, their prophets still had confidence in the future," the Archbishop said. "History often tells of nations like the Jews who appear to have been destroyed, but whose soul is still alive and free because it is united by great heritage of ideals." The Polish Premier Gen. Sikorski was among those attending the services.

NAZIS REMOVE METAL FROM JEWISH CEMETERIES IN VIENNA FOR "WAR USE"

WASHINGTON, May 3.(JTA)-- Nazi leaders visited two Jewish cemeteries in Vienna recently, and since then all copper and bronze statues have been removed "for war use," in addition to one copper roof, and all the lead and iron from the tombs, the Swedish periodical, Trots Allt, declared in an article reported to the Office of War Information today.

In particular, the tomb of a well-known court singer, Elisa Elizza, was "robbed of its bronze relief," the Swedish magazine said, and a fountain dating from 1756 was removed for smelting.

NAZIS FORBID JEWISH COUNCIL IN AMSTERDAM TO MAKE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS

LONDON, May 3.(JTA)-- Nazi occupational authorities in Holland have issued an order forbidding the Jewish Council of Amsterdam to make house-to-house collections even among Jews in the Amsterdam ghetto, it was reported in Netherland circles here today.

The Jewish Council, which maintains all Jewish charitable institutions in the ghetto, will now depend exclusively on payments for services rendered. By limiting the income of the Council to this source, the Nazi authorities hope to secure more control over the funds of the central Jewish body, since, unlike funds raised by house-to-house collections, payments for services must be entered in official records.

CHILDREN OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE ROAMING HIGHWAYS IN SEARCH OF FOOD

ZURICH, May 3.(JTA)-- Jewish children in France whose parents have been deported by the Nazi occupational authorities to unknown destinations in eastern Europe, are reported in the Swiss press today to be wandering along the highways begging for bread in villages and lacking clothing, shoes and shelter.

Swiss newspapers today also report that a Pole has been sentenced to death in Nazi-held Poland for selling his meat ration to a Jew. Two more Poles were sentenced to six years at hard labor each for giving food to starving Jewish families.

The Gardista, organ of the fascist Hlinka Guard in Slovakia, which reached here today reports that hospitals in Bratislava are being raided to discover whether Jews are "hiding there to escape deportation by posing as patients." In one hospital "several Jews were discovered" the report states. The paper demands heavy punishment for both Jews and those who shelter them. It also complains that in the eastern part of Slovakia Jews are still allowed to enter restaurants and cinemas.

DR. JAMES BERNSTEIN ARRIVES FROM EUROPE; REPORTS ON EMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES

NEW YORK, May 3.(JTA)-- There is still hope that 1,000 Jewish children in France whom Argentina is ready to admit, will be permitted by the Vichy government to leave France, Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, declared today upon his arrival from Lisbon.

Dr. Bernstein, who visited France during his recent eleven-month stay in Europe and negotiated for the emigration of Jewish refugees from that country, also stated that the Hias-Ica headquarters in Lisbon is now engaged in arranging transportation to Palestine for about 500 Jewish refugees now in Spain, and in Portugal. These refugees are members of families for whom the Jewish Agency has secured two hundred Palestine visas. They will be transported to Palestine by way of the Belgian Congo.

Dr. Bernstein revealed that the Italian authorities are now permitting Jews in small numbers to emigrate from Italy. They reach Lisbon by plane directly from Italy and secure visas to overseas countries from various consulates in Portugal.

Speaking of the activities of the Hias-Ica in Europe, Dr. Bernstein reported that the organization maintains an office in Casablanca which is now trying to secure passage for Jewish refugees wishing to emigrate from North Africa to the United States and other countries. The first small group of these refugees has already arrived here. The bulk of the Jewish refugees who are seeking emigration to overseas lands are now concentrated in Spain, he said. No refugee can emigrate from Switzerland because the country is surrounded by Axis neighbors. Dr. Bernstein arrived here on the Portuguese steamer Serpa Pinto which also carried a number of Jewish refugees, including 35 children.

85-YEAR OLD WIDOW OF MAX LIEBERMANN, FAMOUS PAINTER, COMMITS SUICIDE IN BERLIN

WASHINGTON, May 3.(JTA)-- The 85-year old widow of Max Liebermann, one of Germany's most famous painters of the pre-Hitler era, has committed suicide in Berlin, according to an article in the Swiss newspaper St. Galler Tagblatt, reported to the Office of War Information today. The newspaper said that as a Jew Mrs. Liebermann was to be deported by the Nazis and that she could not secure sufficient "ransom money." Max Liebermann's paintings hung in most continental galleries. At one time he was president of the Academy in Berlin. He died in 1935.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT MOVES TO HAVE 1,500 DEPORTED JEWS DECLARED BANKRUPT

STOCKHOLM, May 3.(JTA)-- One of the largest mass bankruptcy proceedings ever known in the Scandanavian penninsula will be instituted in the Norwegian courts soon, when the authorities will petition to have 1,500 Norwegian Jews declared bankrupt, the Stockholm daily, Dagens Nyheter, reports.

These Jews, who are now in Norwegian or German concentration camps, have been stripped of both their property and citizenship by the Quisling Government. It is believed that the bankruptcy proceedings are part of a move by the pro-Nazi government to legalize its expropriation of Jewish-owned assets. Most enterprises belonging to Jews are now being administered by Nazi lawyers and members of the Hird, the Quisling storm troop organization, the Dagens Nyheter states. It adds that the amount of confiscated property is less than had been expected, since many of the Jews were penniless refugees.

AMERICAN PRESS URGES ADMISSION OF MORE JEWS FROM NAZI EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 3.(JTA)-- Leading American newspapers, commenting editorially today on the outcome of the Bermuda Conference and on the "Day of Compassion" for the Jews of Europe, which was observed yesterday in many churches throughout the country, voice the demand that the United States admit more Jewish refugees within the existing immigration quota which has not been filled for a number of years.

"Compassion which does not show to each man his own faults and falseness illumines little," the New York Herald Tribune writes. "Compassion which does not bring forth some act to ease the lot of those suffering and wronged or, if that is not possible, to avert any like suffering, any like wrong against other men and women is empty sentiment, worthless alike to giver and to receiver."

Pointing out that 144,278 persons could still be admitted into the United States within the next two months under this year's quota, the New York Post says: "The quota for the countries from which the refugees would come for the year ending July 1, 1943 is 150,275 and only 5,997 have been admitted. Many of the refugees would be technically German citizens, for example. The German quota is 27,370. Thus far only 732 have been admitted. Italy's recent actions in relaxing its restrictions against refugees as a means of 'acquiring merit' in the eyes of the democracies against the day when peace terms are laid down indicate a willingness to release many of them from bondage. Technically they would be Italian citizens. Italy's quota is 5,802. Only 39 persons have been admitted, leaving 5,763 vacancies." The Post editorial also demands that the aid of American relief organizations be enlisted by the enlarged Intergovernmental group which the Bermuda Conference has announced will handle the refugee problem.

The Boston Globe, commenting on the protest demonstration against the Nazi extermination of Jews which was held last night in Boston, in which more than 20,000 persons participated, writes: "The mass meeting, one of a series being held throughout the country, coincides with the closing days of the joint British-American Conference on Refugees held in Bermuda. It was hoped that this conference would result in a program of action for those refugees from Hitlerism who so far have escaped the Nazi hangman. But the news from Bermuda is not encouraging, and one can well imagine the disappointment of those who looked to it with great hope.

"Perhaps only by such meetings as that held at the Garden, augmented by such statements as have already been issued by the religious, civic, labor and other groups, will the American State Department and the British Foreign Office come to realize that the rescue of victims of Hitlerism is one of the things for which the people of the United Nations are fighting," the editorial concludes.

CATHOLICS ALTER CONTROVERSIAL REFERENCE TO JEWS IN CIVILIAN EDITION OF NEW TESTAMENT

NEW YORK, May 3.(JTA)-- The revised civilian edition of the Roman Catholic New Testament will be altered so that all controversial references to Jews will be omitted, the National Conference of Christians and Jews has been notified by the Right Rev. William Newton, editorial secretary of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, it was announced today.

Chief Chaplain William R. Arnold of the United States Army announced several days ago that these passages had been altered in the Army-Navy edition of the New Testament. He revealed that the change had been made many days prior to criticism of the passage from any source, as a result of interchange of opinion among chaplains of various faiths. Alteration of the civilian edition resulted from consultations between Catholic officials and staff members of the National Conference during the past five weeks.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE WANTS JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN PLACED IN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 3.(JTA)-- Acting upon a cable received from Chief Rabbi Herzog of Palestine, the Lubavitcher Rebbe today issued a strongly-worded protest against the Jewish Agency, charging it with transferring Jewish refugee children in Palestine to non-religious educational institutions.

In his protest, the Lubavitcher Rebbe calls upon all rabbis in the United States and other places to join in demanding that "the Jewish Agency transfer the refugee children to religious educational institutions in Palestine.

NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN WAR EFFORT LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, May 3.(JTA)-- A nationwide movement to do away with race discrimination in the war effort was announced today by Pearl S. Buck, chairman of the Committee Against Race Discrimination of the American Civil Liberties Union, which has been studying the problem during the past year. Twenty-six national organizations are participating in the movement, the announcement said.

JOSEPH ACHRON, NOTED JEWISH COMPOSER AND VIOLINIST, DIES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, May 3.(JTA)-- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Joseph Achron, noted Jewish composer and violinist, who died here at the age of 57 on Thursday.

Mr. Achron, who was born in Russia, gave his first program when he was 8 years old. He came to this country in 1925. His first violin concerto was first performed by the composer with the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky. Mr. Achron's "Hebrew Melody," "Hebrew Music," and "Stimmung" were performed and recorded by Jascha Heifetz.

WIDOW OF PROF. DAVID YELLIN DIES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 3.(JTA)-- Mrs. Ita Yellin, widow of Professor David Yellin, died here yesterday at the age of 75. In 1938 she was made an honorary officer of the civil division of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her "public services in Palestine."