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VOL. X. NO. 105Wednesday, May 5, 1943PALESTINE AUTHORITIES CALL FOR GREATER ENLISTMENT OF POPULATION IN BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, May 4.(JTA)-- Declaring that "Palestine has not yet reached its maximum contribution to winning the war," the civil and military authorities today issued a joint appeal to the men and women of Palestine to enlist in the British armed forces in greater numbers, and announced that a special "recruiting week" will be proclaimed throughout the country in the next few days.

The appeal points out that the population may be under the false impression that voluntary enlistment in Palestine is no longer important since the Allied armies have succeeded in defeating the enemy on the Libyan front. Stating that this is not so it voices the hope that each individual and every organization in Palestine will cooperate in making voluntary enlistment successful during the recruiting week.

"The need for Palestinian men and women in the forces is as great, as urgent as ever," the communique states. "Palestine's contribution to the Middle East forces has been considerable. Both the numbers and quality of this contribution are fully recognized, but, nevertheless, a strenuous effort is still needed. It is important that a steady flow of recruits should be maintained in sufficient numbers to meet the call of the hour."

The appeal further asserts that Palestine will not make its maximum contribution to winning the war until the men and women have full consciousness of their responsibilities. "The opportunity is theirs, the shame of failure shall be theirs, and the share in achievement shall also be theirs," the communique concludes.

SWEDISH KING ORDERS EXAMINATION OF REFUGEE REGULATIONS; MASS-INTERMENT EXPECTED

STOCKHOLM, May 4.(JTA)-- An examination of certain provisions of the Swedish law affecting the status of refugees and aliens was ordered today by King Gustav, indicating a possibility that many refugees in Sweden will be interned.

A small number of refugees have long been interned here for various reasons. The majority of the refugees, however, enjoy full freedom and the right to work under special working permits. New measures have become necessary in view of the constantly growing number of refugees entering this country from various neighboring lands, especially from Norway. Also because German deserters are crossing into Sweden in ever larger numbers.

The Fritt Folk, organ of the Quislings in Norway, which arrived here today carries a severe attack on the Swedish press for the sympathy which it displays for the people persecuted by the Nazis. "The Swedish newspapers are influenced by Jews," the Quisling publication writes.

U.S. STILL INTERESTED IN FEEDING STARVING POPULATIONS IN NAZI EUROPE, HULL SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 4.(JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the United States Government is still interested in plans for feeding the peoples of occupied Europe, but that the necessity for maintaining the blockade remains the chief difficulty.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PALESTINE SAYS BERMUDA CONFERENCE UNDERMINED JEWISH HOPES

JERUSALEM, May 4.(JTA)-- An appeal to the Allied Nations not to remain indifferent to the Nazi annihilation of Jews in Europe was issued here today by the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, following a special session devoted to voicing the reaction of Palestine Jews to the outcome of the Bermuda Conference.

Terming the conference a failure, the session addressed its appeal to the Allied nations asking them to initiate negotiations for an exchange of German prisoners for Jews in Nazi territories. It was emphasized that the appeal expresses the desire of all Jews in Palestine to give shelter to as many refugees as are admitted into the country, and urges the Allied nations to see to it that the gates of Palestine be opened wide for the admission of Jewish refugees.

"Not only did the Bermuda parley not give adequate expression to the plight of the Jews in Nazi Europe, but it actually undermined Jewish hopes that the remnants of these suffering victims will ever be saved," Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, said in opening the session of the Assembly. He praised the Jews in the ghettos for their heroic resistance to the Nazis, and declared that the Jews in Palestine will continue to demand from the democratic world that it rescue all the Jews who can still be saved from Nazi extermination.

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the session, said the Jews should not be discouraged by the failure of the Bermuda Conference. He revealed that "at least one neutral country is ready for action, providing it is assisted by the Allied nations." Chief Rabbi Herzog and Chief Rabbi Uziel also spoke.

Conference Was a Failure And a Disappointment, Labor Convention is Told

NEW YORK, May 4.(JTA)-- The Bermuda Conference today was termed "a failure and a great disappointment" by Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, addressing the forty-third annual convention of the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish labor fraternal organization in the world with a membership of 72,000.

Discussing the plight of the Jews in Nazi Europe, Mr. Held reported that the Jewish Labor Committee in conjunction with other leading Jewish organizations, submitted its proposals to the Bermuda parley, in the hope that the conference would give a proper answer in accordance with the conscience of the people of the United States and England and in reply to the requests of the persecuted Jews. The gathering, however, turned out to be far from a "rescue conference," he said.

Outcome of Bermuda Conference Scored by Committee for a Jewish Army

NEW YORK, May 4.(JTA)-- The Committee for a Jewish Army of Stateless and Palestinian Jews, under the chairmanship of Senator Edwin C. Johnson, today issued a statement expressing disappointment at the results of the Bermuda Conference on Refugees. "To Hitler, Bermuda was again convincing proof that the United Nations are neither ready nor willing to take up his challenge to exterminate the Jewish population in Europe," the statement declared.

LIONEL COHEN, PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER, APPOINTED JUDGE OF HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

LONDON, May 4.(JTA)-- Lionel Leonard Cohen, prominent Jewish leader and one of the most best known British lawyers, has been appointed to the High Court of Justice to serve in the chancery division, it was announced here today.

RESTORATION OF JEWISH RIGHTS IN NORTH AFRICA IN HANDS OF THREE EX-VICHY MEN

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA).— Restoration of Jewish rights in North Africa is in the hands of three ex-Vichy officials under Gen. Henri Giraud's March 14 decrees, the texts of which became available here today.

The officials are: Governor-General Marcel Peyrouton of Algeria, who introduced anti-Jewish legislation in France as Marshal Petain's Minister of the Interior; Resident-General Auguste Nogues of Morocco, who put up the stiffest resistance against American landings until he found we were invading in force; Governor-General Pierre Boisson of French West Africa, who did not come over to our side until 16 days after our landings. The texts read:

Full Text of Gen. Giraud's Ordinance on Jewish Rights

"Whereas, subsequently to June 22, 1940, the date of the armistice with the Government of the Reich, measures were taken against the Jews as a consequence of the German occupation; these measures being subversive of respect for the human person, a traditional principle of French Law; therefore the General, Civil and Military Commander-in-Chief,

"Declares;

"All legislative and administrative acts, subsequent to June 22, 1940, which include discriminations for reason of being Jewish, are null and void, and

"Orders;

"Article 1. All distinctions, based upon the fact of being Jewish, in the civil status, eligibility for and practice of trades and professions, and attendance at scholastic institutions of all kinds, are abolished.

"Article 2. The Governors General and the Residents General will determine, within the framework of the legislative system proper to each territory:

"1. The conditions and the period in which measures will be taken to provide for the reintegration into public offices and positions in the public service of those who have been excluded because of being Jewish.

"2. The conditions and the period in which there will progressively be called back into private business those who have been excluded from it because of being Jewish.

"3. The conditions and the period in which there are returned to the Jews the possessions placed under provisional administration.

"Article 3. The acts performed by the provisional administrators are declared valid, with the exception of acts disposing of real goods and moneys, this exception, however, not including acts of disposition justified by reasons other than those herein mentioned.

Text of Order Abrogating Cremieux Decree

"Ordinance of March 14, 1943, abrogating the decree of October 24, 1870 concerning the status of the native Israelites of Algeria,

"Article 1. The decree of October 24, 1870, concerning the status of the native Israelites of Algeria is abrogated.

"Article 2. Regulatory decisions will determine, within a period of three months, the conditions of application of the present ordinance."

100,000 JEWISH CHILDREN SIGN DECLARATION TO ROOSEVELT ASKING HELP FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 4.(JTA)-- Five thousand Gentile children will be asked to join 10,000 Jewish children in prayer at a Rally of Hope and Courage in Madison Square Garden on Sunday afternoon, June 6, it was announced here today. The Rally will constitute a gigantic appeal for immediate aid to the starving and oppressed children in Nazi-occupied Europe.

A declaration signed by 100,000 Jewish children in religious schools throughout the country, to be sent to President Roosevelt, will be presented at the Rally. The declaration states: "We can enjoy no happiness, nor can we rest while those of our blood, Jewish children and their parents, are tortured and put to death by a barbarous enemy. Their sorrow is our sorrow, their misery cannot be forgotten, nor can their tormentors be forgiven."

An historic pageant, depicting the present plight of Jewish children in conquered countries, will feature this Rally. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, honorary president of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of America, will act as chairman; Paul Muni and Eddie Cantor will serve as honorary chairmen. Collective prayers will be offered, and there will be brief addresses by the most prominent among the two hundred sponsoring rabbis.

PALESTINE GROUPS HONOR MEMORY OF AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR LEADER

JERUSALEM, May 4.(JTA)-- The Central Committee of the Histadruth, the Jewish Federation of Labor, at its session today paid tribute to Morris C. Feinstone, American Jewish labor leader who died last week in New York from a heart attack. The memory of Mr. Feinstone was also honored last night at the 15th session of the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine.

The services rendered by Mr. Feinstone to the Jewish labor movement in America and to the upbuilding of Palestine were emphasized by the speakers at the two gatherings here. The Histadruth cabled messages of condolence to the family and to the United Hebrew Trades in New York of which Mr. Feinstone had been the executive head for many years.

KANSAS CITY JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMS BRANDEIS MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST

KANSAS CITY, May 4.(JTA)-- A "Justice Brandeis Memorial Essay Contest" on the subject "Our Role in Building a Democratic World" has been proclaimed here by the Jewish Community Council for high school and college students, regardless of creed or color. The winners will be announced in a large public celebration on Independence Day, July 4, 1943.

The purpose of the contest is officially announced by the Community Council as being: "To pay tribute to the spirit and future of the United Nations; Contribute to the civic endeavors of Kansas City; Encourage the creative thinking of our youth; and Commemorate a great American and a great Jew, Louis D. Brandeis."

MORE YEMENITE JEWS ENTER PALESTINE; CASEY CONFERS WITH SHERTOK

JERUSALEM, May 4.(JTA)-- A group of 160 Jewish immigrants from Yemen arrived here today. Among them were 25 orphans whose entry was arranged by the Youth Aliyah organization. This is the second group of Yemenite Jews to arrive here in recent months.

Richard Casey, British minister in the Middle East, conferred with Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, for three hours today, discussing recent developments in Palestine.