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POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA HAS BEEN WORSENERED, GEN. DE GAULLE SAYS

LONDON, May 5.(JTA)-- Gen. Giraud's orders have worsened the position of the Jews in North Africa, it was emphasized here last night by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who indicated that he is dissatisfied with the abrogation of the Cremieux Decree.

"We have seen in North Africa a period in which racial laws have been solemnly condemned, while the regime applied to the Jews there has become at the same time more rigorous than before," the leader of the Fighting French declared last night at a reception at which he discussed the political atmosphere surrounding his proposed meeting with Gen. Giraud.

This was the first public statement made by Gen. de Gaulle concerning the treatment of the Jews under Giraud's administration. The statement was taken to mean that the question of the rights of Jews in Algeria and Morocco, and in post-war France, would be brought to Gen. Giraud's attention by Gen. de Gaulle at their forthcoming meeting. The French National Committee, which de Gaulle heads, had previously expressed its opposition to Giraud's revocation of the Cremieux Decree.

JEWSH RESISTANCE TO NAZIS IN WARSAW PRAISED BY PREMIER SIKORSKI IN TALK TO POLAND

LONDON, May 5.(JTA)-- Admiration for the heroic and desperate resistance which the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto are offering the Nazis was expressed here last night by the Polish Premier, Gen. Sikorski, in a radio broadcast to the people of Poland.

The head of the Polish Government-in-Exile and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army expressed gratification at the fact that Poles are lending their aid to the Jews in the ghetto. He called upon every Pole in occupied territory to support the suffering Jews.

Reports from Switzerland reaching here today state that "terrible massacres" of Jews are being carried out by the Nazis in the Polish city of Zakopane, once a favorite health resort. The reports are credited to the Swiss newspaper "Die Schweiz."

The headquarters of the Polish-Jewish Relief Fund here today received information revealing that two of the most famous rabbis of Poland - Pinchas Twersky, known as the "Ostiller Rebbe," and Isaac Nahum Twersky, known as the "Ravarusker Rebbe" - have been massacred by the Nazis together with their entire families.

JEWS WILL OVERCOME HITLER AND WILL HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD, BENES SAYS

LONDON, May 5.(JTA)-- The conviction that the Jews "will overcome the present calamity and will cooperate in the structure of a new and juster order within a permanent world peace," was expressed here today by President Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia in a message cabled to the Synagogue Council of America on the occasion of the Period of Mourning for the Jews of Europe proclaimed by the Council.

"No right-thinking person would and must allow himself to forget how many innocent people of the Jewish race have been destroyed by Nazi madmen and their accomplices," the message said.

FORTY-THREE PERSONS ARRESTED IN RUMANIA; CHARGED WITH AIDING JEWS

ZURICH, May 5.(JTA)-- Forty-three persons have been arrested in Bucharest on the charge that they helped Rumanian Jews to secure exemptions from forced labor service, the Deutsche Tageszeitung reaching here today from Germany reports.

The Nazi paper says that among those arrested is a Rumanian official, Bela Satova, who is reported to have provided Jews with exemption certificates for payments ranging from 30,000 to 80,000 lei each.

LONDON PRESS SILENT ON BERMUDA RESULTS; BRITISH EMPIRE CAN ABSORB MILLION JEWS

LONDON, May 5.(JTA)-- The British press which urged the participants at the Bermuda Conference to bear in mind that Jews are being deliberately annihilated by the Nazis and that all possible measures must be taken to save them, has so far refrained from commenting on the outcome of the parley. An exception is the London Economist which wonders whether the Bermuda Conference "will become a by-word of indecision, compromise and deferred hope."

At the same time it is suggested in the current issue of The Tribune, a Socialist weekly, that "the British Empire alone could easily absorb a million Jews without causing any social or economic upheaval." Making no reference to the Bermuda conference, the article points out sarcastically that "there are twenty-eight nations fighting Hitler and yet not one of these has said, 'We will take Hitler's victims.'"

"Will the death wagons of Hitler's Licensed Jew Slaughterers only cease to roll when the last Jew from the last ghetto in Europe has been forced to dig his own grave in the Lubardzki woods?" the article asks. "If that happens - and as far as I can see no steps have been taken to prevent it happening - how will the leaders of the United Nations feel about it? Will their consciences be entirely clear? Perhaps when the sons of the Swastika have slaughtered all the children of Israel they can lay their hands on, the Christian nations will raise a monument to their memory, and perhaps we will place a plaque on that memorial, a plaque which will say: When these unfortunate people were being slaughtered, this country refused sanctuary to those who might have escaped."

DESPERATE APPEAL FROM JEWISH COMMITTEE IN POLAND REACHES AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, May 5.(JTA)-- A desperate call for aid, sent by the Jewish underground movement in Poland to the Polish Government in London and cabled from London to leading Jewish organizations in the United States, was read here today at the 43rd convention of the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish labor fraternal organization. Pointing out that the danger exists that not a single Jew will remain alive in occupied Poland, the message which was signed "Jewish National Committee of Poland," read:

"Take measures to compel Hitler to stop the mass-murder. Fight for our lives and honor. Make every effort possible to remove 10,000 Jewish children to neutral countries. The remnants of the Jews in Poland live with the feeling that in the most tragic days of our history you gave us little help. Respond at least now, in the last days of our life. This is our last appeal."

Two ambulances were presented to the Red Cross today by the convention. A number of ambulances have been presented to the Red Cross by branches of the organization in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago and Toronto.

NO MORE JEWS IN NAZI-HELD UKRAINE, EYE-WITNESS REPORTS; TELLS OF MASSACRES

KUIBYSHEV, May 5.(JTA)-- "Toward the end of 1942 I no longer met Jews in the sections of the Nazi-occupied Ukraine through which I passed," a Kiev gunsmith, Leonid Lebed, writes in an eye-witness report of the fate that befell the Jews in that area from the time of the Nazi invasion until February of this year when Lebed succeeded in reaching Soviet territory.

During the twenty months he spent in the occupied Ukraine, always on the run in order to avoid seizure by the Germans, Lebed saw the Nazis torture and murder Jews in Kharkov, Soumi, Konstantinovka, Poltava, Mirgorod and numerous other cities, large and small. Russians and Ukrainians were threatened with death if they helped the Jews, he said.

Every Nazi soldier represented an imminent threat of death to the Jews, Lebed reports, telling how he saw a woman and two old men shot down in the market place of one town because they had come there five minutes after the designated shopping hour for Jews had passed. Two children - a boy and a girl - of the woman, who ran to her screaming when they saw her fall, were also killed on the spot by the same Nazi who had shot their mother.

In Konstantinovka, Lebed saw the last 150 Jews in the city driven to the shores of a lake on a bitterly cold day, stripped of all their clothes and left to freeze. Those who attempted to flee were shot. The next day Soviet guerrillas blew up the commander's headquarters, killing him. In Soumi, he saw a Dr. Kretzman, the only Jew remaining in the city, executed in front of the city hospital. In Poltava the Germans lured Jews hiding in the homes of Russian neighbors to their death by circulating the rumor that Jews would not be persecuted any longer and would be given work. When several old men and women came out of hiding they were immediately shot.

Before the end of last year - when he no longer found any Jews left - Lebed says he met many roaming the forests and steppes, hungry and demented, constantly fleeing to escape death.

MIZRACHI WOMEN PRESENT BOMBER TO U.S. MARINES; BERMUDA CONFERENCE CRITICIZED

NEW YORK, May 5.(JTA)-- The presentation of a bomber to the United States Marines in the name of the Mizrahi Women of America took place here today at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria which also marked the end of a \$300,000 emergency campaign by the Mizrahi Women's Organization to aid child refugees entering Palestine.

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the World Mizrahi Organization, who is here on a visit from Palestine, addressing the gathering of more than 1,500 persons, severely criticized the "failure of the Bermuda Conference to take measures for large-scale and immediate assistance to Jewish refugees." He revealed that "the Mizrahi movement expects to open a political bureau in Washington in cooperation with other Zionist groups."

"The failure of the Bermuda Conference," said Rabbi Berlin, "is a bitter blow to our high hopes of rescuing untold thousands from Hitler's toils. It was understood that the conference would deal with the tragic plight of the refugees from a broad humanitarian point of view, not from the standpoint of political aims. As a matter of fact, by disregarding Palestine as a solution for the Jewish refugee problem, the conference took a step backward along the old road of appeasement. In this case it is the Arabs who are appeased, while the Jewish people did not even get a hearing at the conference."

NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY DEMANDS RESTRICTIONS ON REFUGEE DOCTORS

BUFFALO, May 5.(JTA)-- A resolution demanding that refugee doctors not be permitted to practice before they acquire United States citizenship, was adopted here last night by the House of Delegates of the New York State Medical Society.

The resolution also demanded that the Board of Regents "limit the number of examinations that may be taken by any candidate for licensure to practice medicine to three in all." It also urges the Regents to refuse to admit to examination for a license any graduate of a foreign medical school 25 or more percent of whose graduates taking the examination during the last ten years have failed to pass.

SYMPATHY FOR JEWS IS NOT ENOUGH, SAYS WILLKIE; WANTS JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE

BOSTON, May 5.(JTA)-- Wendell L. Willkie, in a message to a mass-meeting here called to urge assistance for the persecuted Jews of Europe, attended by 20,000 persons, emphasized that "international power politics" must not be permitted "to close the door to a permanent Jewish homeland in Palestine." Expressing regret that he was prevented by a previous commitment from being present in person, Willkie said in his message:

"Sympathy is not enough. There must be vigorous action. The continued barbaric program of extermination which Hitler is directing against the Jewish people makes the great program in Palestine increasingly important. There must be positive assurance now that the homeless Jews of Europe who survive this dreadful conflict can look forward to a homeland of their own. They have the right to find peace, security and happiness for themselves and for their children. I repeat - sympathy is not enough. There must be justice. And justice demands that the Jewish national homeland in Palestine must have its rightful place in the new world of tomorrow. We must not permit international power politics to close the door to a permanent Jewish homeland in Palestine."

Extermination of Europe's Jews Assailed at California Protest Meeting

OAKLAND, Calif., May 5.(JTA)-- More than 2,000 persons, including civic, religious and labor leaders of all creeds and religious denominations gathered in the Oakland auditorium here tonight at a mass meeting called by local Jewish and non-Jewish groups to protest the Nazi extermination of the Jewish populations of occupied Europe. Speakers included prominent rabbis, ministers, state and city officials, businessmen and labor leaders. The entire meeting was broadcast by radio station KROW.

JEWISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE URGES CHILDREN TO STUDY HEBREW IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 5.(JTA)-- The Jewish Education Committee of New York today issued a call appealing to Jewish parents to have the study of Hebrew language and literature included in their children's programs for the coming school term.

"In June, thousands of Jewish children will graduate from public elementary schools and Junior High Schools," the call says. "Already these pupils are making their applications for entrance into High School. They are also filling out their study programs for the first term in High School which begins in September. The Jewish Education Committee of New York appeals to the parents of such pupils to see to it that they choose Hebrew as one of the subjects in their new program.

"Hebrew is not a new study in the public High Schools of New York. For the past ten years, the Hebrew language and literature has been taught in these schools to thousands of students, boys and girls. The teaching of Hebrew in the High Schools of New York has been an outstanding success," the appeal points out.