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NAZIS BAR JEWS FROM AMSTERDAM; ALL OTHER CITIES IN HOLLAND MADE "JUDENREIN"

LONDON, May 25.(JTA)-- Nazi authorities in Amsterdam have issued an order barring the Jews from residence in the city, it was reported today by the Aneta, Netherland news agency.

"This order," Aneta said, "completes fulfillment of the German threat to eradicate the Jews from the national life of Holland." Amsterdam was the only city in occupied Holland where Jews were still permitted to live. The Netherland news agency quoted the Dusseldorf newspaper, Der Mittag, as reporting that the decree was issued on May 14. It did not indicate what would happen to the thousands of Jews in the Amsterdam ghetto.

"Previous ordinances by the German authorities had prohibited Jews from living in all other parts of the country," Aneta stated. "Wholesale arrests had been reported in progress for some time. The Nazis had gradually increased their persecutions and arrests of Jews since the first year of their occupation of the Netherlands, but no formal bar to residence existed until recently. Then April 10 was set for the beginning of the evacuation of all Jews from eight of the country's eleven provinces, the victims being sent to concentration camps for ultimate shipment to eastern Europe. The remaining three provinces were ordered evacuated of Jews beginning April 23, only those in the city of Amsterdam being exempted. The current expansion of the policy completes fulfillment of the German threat to eradicate Jews from the entire national life of Holland."

25,000 JEWS ORDERED TO LEAVE CAPITAL OF BULGARIA; 600 ARRESTED IN RUMANIA

ZURICH, May 25.(JTA)-- Jews in Sofia, capital of Nazi-dominated Bulgaria, were told yesterday that they had three days to leave the city "voluntarily." If they do not depart for specially designated provincial districts before then, they will be deported from the country, an official announcement said.

The Bulgarian Minister of Interior, when issuing this order which affects 25,000 Jews, declared that "the measure has become necessary in the interests of the nation." The Jews, he stated, have repeatedly ignored the requests of the authorities to leave the capital voluntarily. "Moreover, they are spreading rumors which cause political insecurity, and they constitute the most dangerous element among those causing disturbances," he charged.

The position of the Jews in Bulgaria becomes worse daily as the German authorities seem to be pressing the Bulgarian Government for more drastic anti-Jewish measures. Anti-Jewish demonstrations are now staged with the consent of the Government in practically every large city in Bulgaria on the pretext that Jews are behind political assassinations. A number of enterprises have notified Jews that nothing will be sold to them in the future, while some stores already refuse to sell commodities to Jews.

A report from Rumania reaching here today states that five hundred Jews were arrested during the week-end in Bucharest and sent to a concentration camp on the pretext that they were frequenting gambling houses.

GESTAPO CHIEF IN WARSAW SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR FAILURE TO PREVENT GHETTO UPRISING

STOCKHOLM, May 25.(JTA)-- Gestapo chief Sommer in Warsaw has been sentenced to death by German military authorities for failing to prevent the outbreak of armed resistance in the Warsaw ghetto, it was reliably reported here today.

The Swedish press continues to publish accounts of the heroic fight which the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto put up for several weeks against picked Nazi units. It compares the battle in the ghetto with the battle for Stalingrad and emphasizes the fact that Jews fought for each street and for every house before giving ground before superior Nazi forces.

PALESTINE WILL BE ASKED TO PRODUCE GOODS FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, OFFICIAL SAYS

JERUSALEM, May 25.(JTA)-- The prediction that Palestine industry will soon be asked to produce commodities for export to neighboring countries was made today in a radio broadcast by the Financial Secretary of the Palestine Government, G.R. Sandford, who lauded the industrial contribution of the country to the British war effort.

Mr. Sandford revealed that Palestine's industrial possibilities were discussed at the recent economic conference in Cairo and that plans are being prepared for their exploitation. He emphasized that sufficient raw material will be provided to guarantee fulfillment of these plans. (The influx of Jewish capital into Palestine during 1942 was estimated at \$20,000,000, according to a report in "Palestine and the Middle East." During the first three years of war, the total amount of Jewish capital brought into Palestine reached \$60,000,000, the report said.)

A "peace luncheon" today, marked by the traditional slaughter of a sheep, concluded a long-standing quarrel between the Jewish settlers in Maale-Chamisha and the neighboring Arab village of Kattana, both near Jerusalem. The affair was attended by representatives of the Palestine Government and by the Jewish and Arab settlers involved.

NAZIS HOPE ANTI-SEMITISM WITHIN UNITED NATIONS MAY HELP THEM

ZURICH, May 25.(JTA)-- Germany still hopes that "cooperation" by anti-Semitic elements among the United Nations will redound in its favor, it is indicated in an article distributed by the official press agency of the Nazi party for publication in the press throughout Germany and abroad.

The article reaching here today points out that "the Jewish problem has become a world problem." It repeats Goebbels' line of propaganda that "the great struggle started by the Jews can only lead to victory or annihilation."

"There cannot be any peace between us and the Jews, therefore we are doing all we can to attract attention in the countries of our enemies to the Jewish problem," the article says. "Only history knows to what extent anti-Semitism among our enemies can change matters in our favor. We know that our realistic attitude can lead to the fact that anti-Semitism may become a world-wide movement. As the war goes on, there is increasing evidence that our enemies are becoming aware of the existence of a Jewish problem and this may increasingly influence the future conduct of the war."

1,500 JEWISH COUPLES MARRIED IN PALESTINE ON ONE DAY; LARGEST NUMBER IN YEARS

JERUSALEM, May 25.(JTA)-- More than 1,500 Jewish couples were married in Palestine on Sunday, it was reported here today. This is the largest recorded number of marriages to take place on one day. This past Sunday marked the holiday of Lag B'Omer, which is the traditional "marriage day" in Palestine.

The Palestine press today reports at great length on the conference of central Jewish organizations which took place here yesterday for the purpose of discussing the effects of the decline of the birth rate among Jews in Palestine on the future of the Jews in the country. Some newspapers suggest that prizes be given to families who have more than three children.

DANISH CHURCH LEADERS WARN GOVERNMENT NOT TO YIELD TO NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM

STOCKHOLM, May 25.(JTA)-- Leaders of the Danish Church have submitted another memorandum to the Danish Minister of Justice, protesting against the concessions which the Danish Government is making to the Nazi authorities with regard to the Jewish question, it was reported here today.

"Anti-Semitic propaganda," the protest says, "is being artificially fostered. At the same time pastors receive warning from the Government that they must not comment on the persecution of the Jews." The document warns the Minister that "serious tension has arisen over this question" and that it is necessary to take measures to restore the shaken confidence of the people in order to avert the danger of violent explosion.

JEWISH BOYS AND GIRLS FROM POLAND IN RUSSIA TRAINED AS TRACTOR DRIVERS

KUIBYSHEV, May 25.(JTA)-- One-hundred and twenty Jewish boys and girls evacuated from Polish territory held by the Nazis have completed courses as tractor drivers and mechanics at Ufa, the capital of the Bashkirian Republic, in central Russia, according to a report from the Bashkirian Commissariat for Agriculture released by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here today.

Most of these youths have already left for work on collective farms in the region, the report states, and are actively participating in the spring sowing. Replying to a query from the Committee concerning other Jewish evacuees, the Bashkir officials said that they have all been provided with work, living quarters and food and are proving a useful addition to the agricultural population of the republic.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SET FOR SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, May 25.(JTA)-- The 46th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held early in September according to a tentative date set by the National Administrative Council of the Z.O.A. at its quarterly meeting held here at the Hotel New Yorker, with over 120 members from all parts of the country in attendance.

The all-day session, which was presided over by Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati, was devoted to a discussion of the major issues confronting the forthcoming American Jewish Conference as well as to a review of the Palestine situation in the light of the latest war developments.

GEN. MACARTHUR, ADMIRAL HALSEY PAY TRIBUTE TO JEWS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, May 25.(JTA)-- The United Jewish War Effort today made public the texts of messages received from Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Admiral William F. Halsey, American commanders in the Pacific area, paying tribute to the Jews in the American armed forces on the occasion of American Jewish Heroes Day, which was observed throughout the United States last Sunday.

Gen. MacArthur said in his cable: "Every page of American history belies the enemy claim that one race is superior to another. That doctrine is as wrong morally as it is false scientifically. In peace and in war our country's noblest tradition as well as the best security for our future is the doctrine that each citizen shall be weighed on his merits and not by his inheritance. The searing fires of this war have again and again put to the test the fighting qualities of our men and women. As Colin Kelly and his bombardier, Meyer Levin, so well exemplified, we have met the challenge, whether Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile. On May 23, specially set aside in their honor, I am proud to join with you in saluting the memory of fallen American heroes of the Jewish faith."

Admiral Halsey's airmailgram read: "The Jewish heritage has been one of suffering and sorrow. Jews have always fought against oppression, seeking freedom for themselves and for all peoples. Today, the whole civilized world fights against history's greatest tyrants and oppressors. We are proud to have the Jews in our ranks. Their deeds furnish unshakable proof of their courage and loyalty to our common cause - the world wide preservation of freedom."

LAUNCH DRIVE TO RAISE \$100,000 IN AMERICA FOR HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, May 25.(JTA)-- A campaign to raise \$100,000 this year for the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa was launched here over the week-end at a dinner arranged by the American friends of the institute. The sum of \$25,000 was raised at the dinner, which was addressed by Brig. Gen. William H. Harrison, who has just returned from a tour of the Near and Middle East.

Gen. Harrison stressed the important part being played by Palestinian Jewish engineers with the British forces in North Africa. It was disclosed at the dinner that several thousand graduates of the Haifa Institute are now with the Transport and Supply Service Units of the British Eighth Army.

ZYGELBOJM MEMORIAL MEETING IN LONDON; EX-PREMIER OF HUNGARY AMONG SPEAKERS

LONDON, May 25.(JTA)-- Jewish and non-Jewish labor and Socialist leaders, speaking at a memorial meeting in the Polish-Jewish center here, last night paid tribute to the late Samuel Zygelbojm, the Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council who committed suicide on May 12.

Adam Ciolkosz, Polish Socialist, declared that Zygelbojm's death was a loss to the entire working class. He said that Zygelbojm took his life not out of despair, but as a calculated sacrifice. Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, the other Jewish deputy in the Polish Council, stated that Zygelbojm had died "in the cause of God." Count Michael Karoli, former premier of Hungary, asserted that Zygelbojm was a hero not only of the Jewish people, but of all Socialists. He added that it was the duty of all Socialists to fight for the redemption of the Jewish people.