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DR. FILDERMAN, RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADER, ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST

STOCKHOLM, May 28. (JTA)-- Dr. William Filderman, leader of the Jews in Rumania and former president of the Union of Jewish Communities there, was arrested today in Bucharest on orders from Premier Ion Antonescu, Nazi radio stations reported. He will be sent to forced labor in a concentration camp, the broadcast said. (The OWI also reported Dr. Filderman's arrest, quoting DNB.)

Dr. Filderman was apprehended by the police after he succeeded in eluding them for several days, the radio announced. He is charged with urging Jews not to pay the special "Jewish tax" which the Rumanian government recently imposed upon the Jewish population. Because of his poor health, Dr. Filderman will be examined by a state doctor prior to being deported to the camp, the Nazi broadcast stated.

Rumanian newspapers reaching here today report that the authorities in Rumania have ordered the arrest of all members of the government committee in the city of Jassy which assigns Jews to forced labor. The committee is charged with embezzlement of government funds.

BULGARIA APPOINTS OFFICIALS TO LIST PROPERTY OF DEPORTED SOFIA JEWS

ZURICH, May 28. (JTA)-- With the mass-expulsion of Jews from Sofia continuing, the Nazi Transocean news agency today reported that a special staff of Bulgarian officials has been assigned to compile lists of all the property left by Jews deported from the city.

"These lists are compiled in the presence of the Jewish owners several hours before their deportation," the Nazi agency stated. "The Jews must surrender cash, merchandise and the keys of their homes to the official liquidators. In cases where Jews own enterprises in partnership with non-Jews, they must assign all their shares to the non-Jewish partners."

Transocean confirmed the report that none of the 25,000 Sofia Jews are permitted to take along any money or valuables, and that only thirty kilogram of luggage are allowed to each deportee. "The trains carrying deported Jews are proceeding in the direction of the Karnobat district, thirty miles from the Black Sea," the Nazi report added.

ROME AUTHORITIES USING SYNAGOGUES TO HOUSE REFUGEES FROM BOMBED CITIES

LONDON, May 28. (JTA)-- Disregarding the protest of the Archbishop of Rome, Italian authorities are using all synagogues in Rome to house the large number of refugees flocking into the Italian capital from bombed provincial cities, the London press reported today.

The Italian radio stations today announced the expulsion from the Fascist Party of Senator Mesedgalla for displaying pro-Jewish sentiments. The senator recently delivered a speech in which he deplored the anti-Jewish laws.

PALESTINE CERTIFICATES FOR JEWISH CHILDREN IN VIENNA RETURNED; NO CHILDREN REMAIN

TEL AVIV, May 28.(JTA)-- The Jewish Agency recently made available 100 Palestine immigration certificates for Jewish children in Vienna, but was advised by the Jewish Council there that these were not needed since there were not 100 Jewish children left in Vienna, it was revealed here today at a press conference addressed by Elishu Dobkin, head of the Agency's immigration department.

Mr. Dobkin also disclosed that the Agency has received, through a neutral country, about 700 telegraphic requests from Jews in Nazi-held Holland asking that they be included in the list of Jewish civilians to be exchanged for interned German civilians in Palestine.

Negotiations with Balkan countries for the emigration of Jews are now being carried on and the Jewish Agency has taken these negotiations into consideration when allocating the Palestine immigration certificates under the current schedule, Mr. Dobkin said. He emphasized that no possibilities exist of Jewish emigration from Nazi-held Poland. "Limited possibilities of emigration of Jews from Nazi-held countries in Western Europe do exist, but transportation complications make this emigration difficult," he stated.

The authorities in Spain, Mr. Dobkin disclosed, are willing to release several thousand Jewish refugees from internment camps, providing they are given Palestine visas. The Jewish Agency, for the time being, has sent 500 such certificates to Spain and expects 500 refugees from there to reach Palestine by way of the Belgian Congo, he added.

Jewish Agency Sends Food to Polish Jews in Russia

Answering queries with regard to the activities of the Agency in sending food parcels to Polish Jews in Russia, Mr. Dobkin reported that it is now arranging to send 7,000 such parcels, the cost of which is about \$200,000. A special envoy has left for India to arrange for regular shipment of thousands of packages from there. More than 2,100 food parcels, costing about \$50,000, are being sent via Teheran with the financial aid of the American Joint Distribution Committee, he declared.

Mr. Dobkin reviewed the latest tragic developments in the ghettos in Poland and revealed that the Jewish Agency, as early as last November, received information from occupied Poland disclosing that serious differences of opinion had arisen between the younger and the older Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. The younger Jews insisted on armed resistance to the Nazis arguing that "death is threatening us anyway, therefore it is better that we die like heroes." In January the Agency received another message from the ghetto stating that "after long discussions we decided to fight for our lives." On February 6, the Jewish Agency received the news from the Warsaw ghetto that the Jews were ready for action. "What happened subsequently is already known," Mr. Dobkin concluded.

NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA MATERIAL GIVEN TO JEWS IN TUNIS AS RELIC OF OCCUPATION

LONDON, May 28.(JTA)-- The London press reports today that the Tunis municipality has handed over to the Jewish community there a shipment of anti-Semitic propaganda material which the Nazis brought to the city for the purpose of arranging an anti-Jewish exhibition. The exhibition was to have opened this week. The material will remain with the Jewish community as a relic of the Nazi occupation.

JEWISH DELEGATION LEAVES RUSSIA FOR THE UNITED STATES

KUIBYSHEV, May 28.(JTA)-- The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee today announced that a Jewish delegation has left Russia for the United States. The delegation is composed of S. Mikoelski, noted Jewish actor and chairman of the Committee, and Isaac Feffer, one of Russia's outstanding Jewish poets.

This is only the second Jewish delegation to be sent by Russia to the United States since the Russian Revolution. The first, headed by M. Rashkes, a Soviet-Jewish relief leader, was sent from Moscow about twenty years ago when large-scale Jewish colonization work was started in the Ukraine and in Crimea. Mr. Rashkes spent several months in America visiting various cities where he delivered addresses on the Jewish colonization projects in Russia.

MIZRACHI SUPPORTS SENDING OF ZIONIST DELEGATION TO AMERICA; ASKS JOINT REPRESENTATION

JERUSALEM, May 28.(JTA)-- Complete support of the decision of the Jewish Agency to send a delegation to America to conduct Zionist political activity among American Jews as well as non-Jewish political circles was voiced here today at a meeting of the Supreme Council of the World Mizrahi Organization. The council made one proviso, that the delegation include representatives of all Zionist groups.

It also urged that the Agency and the Zionist executive develop a wide-spread campaign to win support for the policy embodied in the Biltmore Declaration, (adopted at a special Zionist session at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City last May), which provides for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth after the war.

The Mizrahi council renewed its plea for assistance to the Jews in occupied Europe, appealing to the democratic nations of the world and to the churches "not to stain themselves with Israel's blood which is being shed like water." The appeal expressed regret that the United Nations have looked on passively as the Jews were being exterminated and did not even "extend a helping hand to the fighting Jews in the Warsaw ghetto."

Discussing the controversy which has been raging in Palestine and in Jewish circles abroad, concerning the religious education of the 839 children who recently arrived here from refugee camps in Teheran, the Mizrahi body declared that it was "embittered" at the transfer of many of the children to places where they will not be under religious influence or receive religious training. However, it expressed disapproval of the action by the Agudas Israel, which has called for a boycott of all Zionist funds because of its objections to the manner in which the Agency assigned the children to religious and non-religious homes and camps.

The Mizrahi Council declared that it was "pained" at the action of some British rabbis, who are boycotting the Keren Hayesod campaign in Britain despite Chief Rabbi Herzog's plea that no action be taken until negotiations with the Agency on the religious education of the refugee children are completed. It is reported that Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Agency, has seen both Rabbi Herzog and Chief Rabbi Usiel in connection with this problem and a decision is expected to be forthcoming on Sunday.

ARABS THROW BOMB INTO ORAN SYNAGOGUE; SIXTEEN JEWS INJURED

LONDON, May 28.(JTA)-- Sixteen Jews are reported to have been injured when a bomb was thrown into a synagogue in Oran this week by Arab terrorists. Five Arab suspects have been arrested, according to the report in the London press today.

NEW COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT FORMED BY ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, May 28.(JTA)-- President Roosevelt has created a new and stronger Committee on Fair Employment Practice, headed by Mgr. Francis J. Haas and responsible directly to himself, with broad powers to prevent job discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin, it was announced here today.

The former committee had been attacked as impotent after the President subordinated it to the War Manpower Commission last year and several of its more prominent members resigned. Mgr. Haas is dean of the School of Social Sciences at Catholic University, and has been high in the labor councils of the administration since the early days of the New Deal. He has helped settle more than 1,500 labor disputes.

An executive order made public today said: "I do hereby reaffirm the policy of the United States that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of any person in war industries or in government by reason of race, creed, color or national origin, and I do hereby declare that it is the duty of all employers, including the federal departments and agencies, and all labor organizations, to eliminate discrimination in regard to hire, tenure, terms or conditions of employment or union membership."

Mgr. Haas will have six committee members under him, to be appointed soon by the President. The group will have power to hold hearings, make findings of fact, advise the War Manpower Commission, insert appropriate clauses in negotiated government contracts, accept the help of state and local authorities and volunteer workers, and make its own regulations. The old committee, now disbanded, exercised some of these powers though they were never specifically granted it.

SWEDEN DENIES ADMISSION TO JEWISH REFUGEES CLAIMING RACIAL PERSECUTION

BOSTON, May 28.(JTA)-- Jewish refugees from Nazi-held countries are admitted to Sweden when they can prove that they actively participated in political activity for which they might be punished, but are denied entry if they only claim that they are fleeing racial persecution, Charles E. Gratke, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor, who is now touring Sweden with a group of American journalists, today reported in a cable from Stockholm.

"Jews seeking entrance to Sweden on the general basis of racial persecution are not permitted entrance visas," Mr. Gratke cabled. "This restriction was tightened up after the invasion of Norway but was modified in the fall of 1941 for the benefit of Norwegians who were being subjected to harsh treatment at the hands of the Nazis. The actual humanitarian effect of these most recent changes was small since the Germans soon began refusing Jews exit permits from Norway."

There are 20,800 refugees in Sweden, of whom 16,000 came from Norway, the Monitor correspondent reported. They include stateless Jews as well as Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Those coming from Norway, after border questioning, have been given a rail ticket and travel without guard to a camp at Kjesaeter which is controlled by the Norwegians themselves and who pass on the refugees. Refugees who are deemed unreliable are sent to the Haelsingmo foreigners' camp for further examination. At Kjesaeter, Norwegian doctors decide who is suitable for forestry work, and those unsuitable are given further examination at special employment agencies.

MEXICAN MILITARY LEADER LAUDS JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO VICTORY OF EIGHTH ARMY

MEXICO CITY, May 28.(JTA)-- The contribution of Palestine Jews to the triumph of the British Eighth Army in North Africa was cited here today by Col. Flores, Mexican military leader, addressing a mass-meeting in honor of the armies of the democratic nations.