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BULGARIA ORDERS ALL JEWS TO LABOR CAMPS; SOFIA JEWS HERDED INTO THREE VILLAGES

STOCKHOLM, June 2.(JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today from Berlin report that the Bulgarian Government has issued an order providing that "all able-bodied persons of Jewish faith throughout the country must be sent to labor camps."

The majority of the 25,000 Jews whom the Bulgarian Government is now expelling from Sofia will be confined in three Bulgarian villages, the Swedish press reported today. They will be forbidden to leave these villages and will not be permitted to leave their homes after nine o'clock in the evening.

Restricted shopping hours for the expelled Jews have been proclaimed in the villages. No Jew is allowed to possess a radio and to enter moving-picture houses, parks and bathing places, the Swedish paper Nya Daglight Allehanda said in its report from Sofia.

The same report stated that the Bulgarian cabinet has established a special commission to liquidate the jewelry and other valuables which Bulgarian Jews were ordered to deposit with the National Bank in Sofia, with the Bulgarian Agricultural Bank and with the Credit Bank. The commission is composed of two representatives of the Ministry of Finance, one representative of each of the three banks and one representative of the Commissariate for Jewish Affairs.

DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS ASKED FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS MISSION IN POST-WAR EUROPE

LONDON, June 2.(JTA)-- A suggestion that leading rabbis be appointed by the United Nations to proceed - with diplomatic privileges - to each of the larger cities in post-war Europe to which expelled Jews might return immediately after hostilities cease, is advanced in a memorandum which has been submitted to the British Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction, it was learned here today.

The memorandum, prepared by the Religious Emergency Council headed by Chief Rabbi Hertz, also demands that a stock of Kosher canned foods be built up, ready to be sent to starved ghetto inhabitants immediately after their liberation. It also suggests that mobile synagogues be organized to be set up as temporary centers of Jewish religious education and welfare before any of the former communal organizations are re-established.

In asking diplomatic privileges for the Jewish religious leaders, the memorandum emphasizes that "such a personality is to form part of military commissions, to organize the return of large sections of the population expelled by the Nazis to their former centers. It also points out that "since a victorious armistice will not assure that Europe will experience a sudden reversion from anti-Semitism, Jewish ecclesiastics cooperating with the military and civil authorities would act as controlling and guiding influences over the bewildered Jewish population."

FILDERMAN APPEALED FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN AID, NAZIS SAY; FORMER RUMANIAN ENVOY ATTACKED

ZURICH, June 2.(JTA)-- The Nazi news agency DNB today reported from Berlin that Dr. William Filderman, prominent leader of Rumanian Jewry, was arrested not only because he urged Jews not to pay the special tax which the Rumanian Government imposed upon the Jewish population, but also "because he incited the Jews to resist the anti-Jewish laws and called for Anglo-American aid."

Dr. Filderman, the Nazi news agency stated, has been deported with his wife from Bucharest to Transnistria, the Axis-occupied territory in the Ukraine administered by Rumanian officials.

Rumanian newspapers reaching here from Bucharest carry articles attacking Charles Davila, former Rumanian Minister in Washington, for a broadcast which he made from the United States to the people of Rumania urging them to assist the Jews and to resist Nazi-inspired anti-Semitic activities. The Porunca Vremii, organ of the pro-Nazi Iron Guard Party, charges Mr. Davila with being "in the service of the Jews of America."

The violent attacks on the former diplomat indicate that his broadcast, which was made on May 10, the Rumanian National Day, made a strong impression in Rumania. Mr. Davila is quoted in the pro-Nazi Rumanian press as appealing to the people in Rumania not only to help the oppressed Jews but also to withdraw from the war, establish a democratic regime and maintain good-neighbor relations with Russia.

(Mr. Davila, in his broadcast, said; "You, Rumanians, must prove now that you understand the new democratic spirit. You must display fraternal feelings towards our unhappy Jewish co-citizens. In fact, Premier Antonescu had no reason to yield to German pressure and to treat the Jews as badly as in Germany. How can we nourish any hope for goodwill on the part of the democratic powers when the Rumanian Government defies humanity and takes measures against people not for what they have done, but for what they are. I am informed that high dignitaries of the Church protested to the government against the persecution of the Jews in Rumania. This seems to prove that the human sentiments of the Rumanian people are winning."

RUMANIAN NEGOTIATING FOR EMIGRATION OF JEWS ARRESTED UPON RETURN FROM TURKEY

BERN, June 2.(JTA)-- Constantin Bursan, a former member of the Rumanian parliament who was sent by the Rumanian authorities to Turkey to contact Jewish organizations for the purpose of negotiating the transportation of Jews from Rumania to Palestine, was arrested today in Bucharest shortly after his return from Turkey, the Nazi radio reported from Berlin. He is charged with having made contact with British and American representatives during his stay in Istanbul.

Diplomatic circles in Switzerland, who were aware of Bursan's trip to Turkey, were under the impression that although he was in Istanbul ostensibly to negotiate with Jewish groups, his main reason for going there was to contact representatives of the United Nations and to discuss with them the post-war treatment of Rumania. The Nazi broadcast today discloses that while in Istanbul, Bursan was shadowed by German agents who reported to Berlin that he was engaged in negotiations with American and British diplomats. This would indicate that his arrest was ordered by Berlin.

LONDON PAPER URGES OBSERVANCE OF "JEWISH DAY" TO MARK RESISTANCE IN WARSAW GHETTO

LONDON, June 2.(JTA)-- April 19, the day when the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto opened battle against the Nazis, should be observed every year as "Jewish Day" in commemoration of the Jewish fight for freedom, the Evening Standard, one of London's daily newspapers, suggests today.

"April 19, the day when human valor converted the Warsaw ghetto into a fortress of freedom should be an honored day among men cherishing mercy and tolerance," the paper comments editorially. "Jews are fighting today on all fronts for the cause of humanity, and the Jew will be among the proud participants of common victory."

The Polish Telegraphic Agency today made public the text of the letter addressed to Polish Premier Gen. Sikorski by Samuel Zygelbojm, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, prior to the latter's suicide in protest at what he considered the world's indifference to the Nazi annihilation of the Jews in Poland.

"I cannot be silent - I cannot live - while remnants of the Jewish people of Poland, of whom I am a representative, are perishing," Zygelbojm's letter reads in part. "My comrades in the Warsaw ghetto took weapons into their hands on the last heroic impulse. It was not my destiny to die there, together with them, but I belong to them, and in their mass graves. By my death, I wish to express my strongest protest against the inactivity with which the world is looking on and permitting the extermination of my people. I know how little human life is worth today, but as I was unable to do anything during my life, perhaps by my death I shall contribute to breaking down that indifference of those who may not--at the last moment--rescue the few Polish Jews still alive from certain annihilation. My life belongs to the Jewish people of Poland, and I therefore give it to them."

MANY KHARKOV JEWS REPORTED WORKING IN COAL MINES IN GERMANY

KUIBYSHEV, June 2.(JTA)-- Many Kharkov Jews are believed to be working in coal mines in the interior of Germany, having been deported there early this year, it was disclosed today by Yudi Bukhalter, 49, a Jewish tailor from Odessa who is now in a military hospital here. Bukhalter, who served with a sapper battalion of the Red Army, was wounded when a land mine exploded.

He said that when the troops that liberated Kharkov from the Nazis in early February - and held it until the middle of March - entered the city they were told that shortly before the Nazis retreated many Jews classified as "economically useful" elements were driven from Kharkov to an "unknown destination," which, it was understood, was the coal mining districts of Germany.

In Kharkov, Bukhalter learned, the Nazis had divided the Jews into three categories: "nutz Juden," the "economically useful" persons, who were set to forced labor without rest or pay and with only one-third of a pound of bread as their daily ration; men and women who possessed no special training or skill utilisable by the Germans, who were crowded into huge buildings which were then blown up; and, finally, persons related to Red Army commanders, members of the Communist Party and members of the Young Communist League, who were summarily executed.

Some Kharkov Jews, he said, succeeded in escaping death or slavery through the connivance of peasants in neighboring villages. Furnished with documents indicating that they were of "Bulgarian origin," they hid in the villages until they were freed by the Red Army.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR LABOR PALESTINE DECIDES TO JOIN WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, June 2.(JTA)-- The League for Labor Palestine today announced that it has decided to formally enter the ranks of the Zionist Organization following a decision of its annual convention this week that each member of the League must purchase the Zionist Shekel. Delegates from fifteen cities attended the convention which pledged support to the American Jewish Conference.

The convention adopted a resolution supporting the Zionist demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth and sent a telegram to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, urging that Britain open the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration and abandon the White Paper policy.

300 ZIONIST GROUPS IN NEW YORK PLANT LEVINTHAL FOREST IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 2.(JTA) -- A "Levinthal Forest" will be planted in Palestine in appreciation of Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal's services to the Zionist movement, it was announced at a mass meeting held last night in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The gathering was convoked by a testimonial committee to honor Rabbi Levinthal on the completion of three decades of leadership in the pulpit and in cultural and social work. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund in America, presented Rabbi Levinthal with a certificate attesting that 15,000 trees will be planted in his name on JNF soil in Palestine. More than 300 organizations and groups contributed the amount required for the planting of the forest.

PRESIDENT OF JEWISH BRANCH OF CANADIAN RED CROSS DECORATED ON KING'S BIRTHDAY

MONTREAL, June 2.(JTA)-- Mrs. Samuel Bronfman of Montreal, president of the Jewish Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, was one of the 285 civilian Canadians honored in the King's birthday list last night. She was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire for outstanding patriotic and philanthropic work.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 2.(JTA)-- The forty-third annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, representing the Conservative rabbinate in the United States, will be held in New York on June 21 to June 24, inclusive, it was announced here today by Dr. Louis Levitsky, president.

The four-day gathering, during which reports on Jewish chaplains in the armed forces, trends in Jewish education, and other contemporary and academic subjects will be presented, will be climaxed by a joint banquet with the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which is the reform body in the American rabbinate.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR BRIGADIER KISCH IN MILITARY SYNAGOGUE IN TRIPOLI

LONDON, June 2.(JTA)-- Memorial services for Brigadier Frederick H. Kisch, killed in action in Tunisia when a land mine exploded last month, were held in the military synagogue in Tripoli, with representatives of General Montgomery and other high-ranking British officials present, it was reported here today. Units of Palestineans from every corps formed a color guard and Zionist and British flags were flown, as military chaplains delivered eulogies of Kisch, who was chief of the Engineering Corps of the famous British Eighth Army.