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VOL. X. NO. 132Sunday, June 6, 1943LAST 14,000 WARSAW JEWS DEPORTED AFTER BATTLE; 5,000 JEWS KILLED IN GHETTO

LONDON, June 4.(JTA)-- The secret Polish radio station Swit, which operates in Nazi-occupied territory, reported last night that 5,000 Jews were killed by the German troops during the siege of the Warsaw ghetto, which was marked by three weeks of desperate street fighting,

More than 2,000 Jews were shot and about 3,000 perished in their flaming houses after a valiant struggle, the underground radio said. It added that the Nazis have deported to an unknown destination about 14,000 Jews, the sole survivors of the 500,000 that once populated the ghetto. More than 2,300 Nazis were killed and wounded during the battle, the broadcast estimated.

Reviewing the epic resistance offered by the Jews, Swit stated that the ghetto fighters surrendered only when the Nazis shut off all water, gas and electricity. The initial stage of the struggle, which began on April 19, lasted for five days. It was resumed a few days later after the Germans called up substantial reinforcements including units of the Wehrmacht (the regular army), artillery, flame throwers, machine guns and even bombers. Fighting raged in nearly every ghetto street and was climaxed by house-to-house combat.

SPANISH GOVERNOR IN TANGIER RELEASES ARRESTED JEWISH BOYS FOLLOWING BRITISH PROTEST

LONDON, June 4.(JTA)-- The Governor of Tangier, in Spanish Morocco, yesterday summoned representatives of the Jewish community and informed them that the Jewish boys who were arrested and flogged as punishment for applying at the French consulate for work in liberated North Africa, will be "pardoned", the London Times reports today from Tangier.

The Governor's action followed official representation by the British consul-general in Tangier. Twenty-five of the arrested Jewish boys were immediately released and the remainder are expected to be released today. Those of the arrested who were sent to Tetuan will be returned to their homes.

The Tangier authorities, it was learned here today, are refusing permission to Polish Jews to leave Spanish Morocco. All applications for exit visas submitted by Polish Jews have been rejected. A number of Polish Jews are reported to be held in Tangier under supervision of the Spanish police because they are suspected of spreading pro-Allied propaganda. Polish representatives in Madrid have intervened with the government in behalf of the Jews in Tangier, but have neither succeeded in securing their emigration nor the issuance of labor permits for them, which would enable them to earn a living as long as they must remain in Spanish Morocco.

Local Jewish communities in North Africa were reported today to be planning to send large groups of children to Palestine in view of the food shortage in Algeria and Tunisia. Jewish institutions in Palestine and leading Jews in North Africa have recently been in contact with each other.

BULGARIANS WARNED THEY WILL SHARE FATE OF JEWS FOR OBSTRUCTING EXPULSIONS

BERN, June 4.(JTA)-- Bulgarians who are friendly to Jews and who are found guilty of obstructing the expulsion of the Jews from Sofia and other cities, will share the fate of the Jews, the Sofia radio warned today quoting an article from the Bulgarian newspaper Vecher.

Reports reaching here today from Bulgaria confirm that while Jews who can prove their Bulgarian citizenship are being sent to the northern part of Bulgaria, alien Jews are being deported to Poland. One report estimates that 12,000 Jews have been deported from Thrace and Macedonia during the last two months.

The Bukarester Tageblatt, reaching here today from Rumania, reports that all immovable property left behind by Jews expelled from Rumanian cities will be auctioned off publicly unless other arrangements are made by the central office for the "Rumanization" of Jewish belongings.

ONLY FEW JEWS WILL BE LEFT IN AMSTERDAM AFTER DEPORTATIONS, NAZIS SAY

STOCKHOLM, June 4.(JTA)-- Nazi authorities in occupied Holland today formally announced that "Amsterdam will be cleared of all its Jews, with a few exceptions," the Dagens Nyheter, a Swedish newspaper reports.

The announcement emphasized that "the deportation of the Jews from Amsterdam will be a decisive step in the solution of the Jewish problem in Holland" since the Jews were expelled from other towns in Holland several months ago. No indication was given as to where the Amsterdam Jews will be deported.

GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE "PROVES" TO JOURNALISTS THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS GROWING IN AMERICA.

ZURICH, June 4.(JTA)-- Articles in the American press assailing anti-Semitic activities in the United States were utilized yesterday at a press conference in the German Foreign Office in Berlin to "prove" that anti-Jewish feelings are on the increase in America and that "the Jews in the United States are not doing their full share in the prosecution of the war."

Nazi news agencies, reporting the details of the conference, state that officials of the Nazi Foreign Office quoted to the correspondents passages from articles in Time magazine and in New York newspapers allegedly "revealing" that anti-Semitism is influencing many Americans. The larger part of the conference was taken up with "explanations" by Nazi officials as to the motives for the alleged growth of anti-Jewish sentiments in the United States, the reports published here today assert. Some of the officials predicted that anti-Semitism in the Allied countries will help Germany to win the war.

HOUSE OF LORDS WILL DISCUSS RESULTS OF BERMUDA CONFERENCE; POLAND WANTS INFORMATION

LONDON, June 4.(JTA)-- The recommendations of the Bermuda Conference and the extent to which these recommendations can contribute to solving the refugee problem will be discussed at the next session of the House of Lords, it was announced today by Lord Davies.

The Polish Government-in-Exile has addressed an inquiry to the British Foreign Office asking for information concerning the decisions of the Bermuda Conference, it was learned here today.

NATIVE ALGERIAN JEWS MAY SOON RE-ACQUIRE FRENCH CITIZENSHIP, WELLES SAYS

WASHINGTON, June 4.(JTA)-- Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, in a letter made public today, declared that with the battle for Tunisia successfully concluded, there is every reason to hope that the legal problems involving the restoration of French citizenship to native Algerian Jews "will be solved in the near future." He did not indicate whether the Cremieux Decree, abrogated by Gen. Giraud, will be re-established.

At the same time Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy informed the American Jewish Congress that Gen. Giraud, acting upon the request of the U.S. Government, has acted to end all racial discrimination in North Africa with respect to professions and with respect to positions in the military and civilian personnel of the armed forces.

Under-Secretary Sumner Welles' letter was addressed to Congressman Emanuel Celler, in reply to a communication sent by the Congressman to the State Department asking for the restoration of the Cremieux Decree. It reads: "As you are undoubtedly aware, the presence of American troops in French north and west Africa does not mean that those territories have been occupied by our forces. The fact is that matters of local administration have at all times remained in the hands of the French. This, of course, applies to all laws and regulations affecting the local population, and it is therefore incorrect to state that any action taken by General Giraud with respect to the local situation has been approved, or disapproved, by this Government.

"It was stated some time ago by General Giraud that immediate study was being given to the early establishment of a procedure whereby those native Algerian Jews who were temporarily deprived of their French citizenship - but not their French nationality - could reacquire citizenship. Now that the battle for Tunisia has been brought to a successful conclusion there is every reason to hope that the legal problems involved will be solved in the near future."

The communication of Assistant Secretary McCloy, addressed to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, reads as follows: "In the Ordinance of March 14, 1943, general measures were taken abolishing all racial discrimination in admission to, and exercise of, the professions, and a further order of May 5 stipulates that government employees and agents who had been dismissed because of their Jewish origin are to be restored to their full rights. Finally, a note emanating from the Major General (similar to our Adjutant General) of the Army was sent on May 15 to Army, Navy and Air Forces specifying that 'all racial discrimination in matters affecting recruiting, promotions to all grades, classes and echelons, and assignments and transfers of military or civilian personnel of the armed forces be discontinued immediately.' This note further emphasizes that these instructions apply not only to Jews of French origin but also to native Algerian Jews who were French citizens before the recent abrogation of the Decret Cremieux. Thus all distinctions between French and native Jews in the armed forces have been completely abolished."

JEWS WILL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS IN LIBERATED CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BENES SAYS

NEW YORK, June 4.(JTA)-- Assurances that Jews will have equal rights in a liberated Czechoslovakia were given by President Eduard Benes to a delegation representing the Czechoslovak Jewish Representative Committee of the World Jewish Congress it was announced here today.

The delegation which was received by Dr. Benes prior to his departure from New York, included Dr. Frederick Fried, acting chairman of the Committee, Professor Siegmund Herman, Mr. Michael Munk, Professor Hugo Perutz, Mr. Joseph Pick, Dr. Felix Rezek and Dr. Armin Weiner.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN SLOVAKIA DEMAND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR JEWS IN PASTORAL LETTER

GENEVA, June 4.(JTA)-- The Swiss newspaper Courier de Geneve today reported that seven Catholic Bishops in the Nazi-puppet state of Slovakia have signed a pastoral letter protesting against punishing Jews "en masse and without previous examination."

The pastoral letter was read in all Slovak Catholic churches on March 21, the Swiss newspaper states. "We demand that equal civil rights and state protection be accorded to every member of the state without distinction of origin or nationality," the Catholic pastoral letter said. The Protestant Bishops issued a similar protest last September.

JEWS WILL SURVIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE "NATION WITH AN IDEAL," SAYS BRITISH EDUCATION CHIEF

LONDON, June 4.(JTA)-- The Jewish people will survive this war because they are a "nation with an ideal," declared Richard A. Butler, President of the Board of Education and former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, addressing the opening session of the World Congress of Faiths today. The meeting is being attended by 2,000 persons of all religions.

Mr. Butler declared that the government intends to guarantee to every child the opportunity to be reared in the faith of his parents. Chief Rabbi Hertz paid tribute to organized religion as the only force that has spoken clearly and loudly against the extermination of the Jewish people. Other speakers represented the Anglican Church, the Hindu faith and the Confucians. Viscount Samuel is the presiding officer of the congress.

In Glasgow today the Jewish Representative Council to Combat Anti-Semitism adopted a resolution declaring that legislation is the only effective method of dealing with the problem. It announced that it intends to secure the active support of the Church, the labor movement and other groups for official action to outlaw anti-Jewish agitation.

VANDALS DESECRATE SYNAGOGUE IN CLEVELAND AND SET BUILDING AFIRE

CLEVELAND, June 4.(JTA)-- Police authorities today started a search for an organized band of vandals who invaded the Ahavath Zion synagogue in the middle of the day, desecrated prayer books, demolished the furniture and set the building afire. The smoke attracted the attention of persons living nearby who extinguished the fire before it spread.

LAST MINUTE NEWSTRAINLOADS OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM BULGARIA REACH POLAND; SENT TO "DEATH CAMP"

LONDON, June 4.(JTA)-- Trainloads of deported Bulgarian Jews have begun to reach Nazi-occupied Poland, the secret Polish radio station SWIT reported today, adding that the trains are directed to the notorious "Jewish concentration camp" at Treblinka where the Nazis have recently installed special "death chambers" in which 700 Jews can be gassed in 45 minutes.

The Polish station also reported that several hundred Polish Jews are executed in the Treblinka camp daily. Before being driven into the gas chambers, the victims' heads are shorn and their hair is used by the Nazis for industrial purposes.