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JEWS DEPORTED FROM AMSTERDAM IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- Official Netherland circles today received information from the underground movement in occupied Holland disclosing that the deportation of Jews from Amsterdam is being carried out in alphabetical order, irrespective of age.

All the Jews of Amsterdam are classified by the Nazi authorities in two categories, the report revealed. The documents of the first category of Jews are being stamped "Gesperrt" meaning that their case is closed and that they are to be deported. The Jews in the second category have their documents stamped with the word "Bis" meaning that they will be allowed to remain in Amsterdam "until further notice." The second category is composed of Jews who are considered essential to Germany's war effort, as well as members of the Jewish Council, including rabbis.

The Berlin radio last night reported that at least 130,000 Jews have already been deported from Holland "to eastern territory." It emphasized that Holland will be "completely judenrein" within a few weeks.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ORDERS SALE OF SHOES TO JEWS STOPPED

ZURICH, June 7.(JTA)-- An order amounting to a Government ban on the sale of shoes to Jews has been issued in Rumania, it is reported in the Bucharest newspaper Argus reaching here today.

The paper states that the authorities in charge of rationing commodities have received an order from central headquarters instructing them not to issue any ration coupons for shoes to Jews until it has been established that the non-Jewish population is well provided with footwear.

The pro-Nazi paper "Porunca Vremii," organ of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard party, carries an article on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the death of the notorious anti-Semite, Professor Octavian Goga, who was the head of the Rumanian Government in 1938 for forty-four days. "Though only in power for six weeks, he accomplished more than others who were in power for years because he suspended the pro-Jewish newspapers and brought about anti-Jewish legislation," the article says.

NEW SPECIAL TAX WILL BE IMPOSED ON JEWS IN FRANCE, PARIS RADIO REPORTS

BERN, June 7.(JTA)-- The Paris radio today reported that a new special tax will be imposed upon the Jewish communities in France. It did not give any details as to the nature of the tax.

The Berlin radio today announced that the administration of Jewish property in Bulgaria has been taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture. This ministry will, in coordination with other departments of the Bulgarian government, liquidate the property of the Jews deported from Sofia and other parts of the country by transferring real estate to non-Jews and by auctioning off all portable Jewish possessions at public sales.

POLISH GOVERNMENT SENDS NOTE TO ALLIES ON NAZI EXTERMINATION OF JEWS IN POLAND

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- The Polish Government has sent to the Allied Governments a note on the Nazi extermination of Jews in Poland, it was learned here today. "All reports agree that the total number of Jews killed by the Nazis in occupied Poland runs into many hundreds of thousands," the note states.

It was also learned here today that the Polish Government has decided not to send Gen. Josef Haller as its diplomatic representative to the Middle East. Jews in Palestine protested against the appointment of Gen. Haller to a post which involves dealings with Palestine, emphasizing that his record might make Jewish cooperation with him difficult since there are many Polish Jews in Palestine who still remember the anti-Jewish terror conducted in Poland by the troops under Haller's command. It is understood that Gen. Haller will remain as Minister of Education in the Polish Government-in-Exile while Tadeusz Romer, former Polish ambassador to Russia, may be appointed to the Middle-East post.

The Polish Telegraphic Agency reports that the Minorities Department of the Polish Government will be separated from the Polish Ministry of Information and placed under the Ministry of the Interior. In effect, this means that the Minorities Department will absorb the Jewish Department which for some time existed in the Ministry of the Interior. The number of officials in that Department will be increased and Prof. Gorka will have under him two separate sections, the Jewish and the Ukrainian.

Warsaw Jews Were Transported to Treblinka Camp, Polish Government Learns

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- Details of the mass-deportation of the Jews from the Warsaw ghetto prior to the uprising there reached the Polish Government here today. They disclose that 60 Jews committed suicide in the ghetto within six days and 2,648 Jewish men and women were shot during the same period when they resisted deportation orders.

"Many Jewish parents smuggled themselves out of the ghetto and escaped with their children, carrying them in sacks on their shoulders," the report states. "They were able to leave the ghetto by bribing the Ukrainian policeman who were posted at the ghetto gates." The report adds that most of the Warsaw Jews were deported from the ghetto to the notorious Treblinka camp where the Nazis are using "gas chambers" for mass-executions.

The Polish Telegraphic Agency today reported that according to underground reports reaching London, the Jews in the Wilno ghetto have all been deported. Of some 80,000 Jews who were living in the ghetto at the beginning of 1941, 60,000 were massacred during 1942. Those who survived were living in a special area in the suburbs of Wilno. They too have now been "liquidated," the report said.

Another report released by the Polish Telegraphic Agency states that the three worst streets in the city of Radom have been reserved for 3,500 Jews, who have been spared by the Hitler officials because they work in munition factories. "These Jewish workers are subjected to the extremely severe regulations of forced labor camps," the report says. "They cease to be human beings. Instead of names they are given numbers. The Jews are punished by death for absence from the factory, for walking on the sidewalk instead of in the gutter, or for changing their place of work. Death sentences are promptly executed. No Jew is allowed to be ill more than three days. In case of a surgical operation, a Jew may receive seven days leave. If the illness lasts longer, the Jew is killed."

AMERICAN REVISIONISTS CRITICIZED FOR ASKING CHURCHILL TO DROP PALESTINE MANDATE

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- Derying the recent demand by the New Zionist Organization in America that Britain drop the mandate for Palestine, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, yesterday told the annual conference of the British Mizrahi that Prime Minister Churchill's recent visit to the United States was "the wrong time to attack the British Government in America on the question of the mandate." (The NZO's demand was voiced in a full-page advertisement in the New York Times on May 18.)

Chief Rabbi Hertz denounced the boycott of Zionist funds in Britain by sections of the orthodox rabbinate, who are displeased with the arrangements made for the religious education of the Jewish children who recently arrived in Palestine from refugee camps in Teheran. The convention went on record opposing the "attempts by elements hostile to the national regeneration of the Jewish people to exploit this affair to injure the National Home and the Jewish national movement." The delegates adopted resolutions asking the United Nations to recognize Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth after the war, condemning the White Paper and opposing restrictions on immigration and land purchase by Jews in Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY SENDS NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO SPAIN WITH PALESTINE IMMIGRATION VISAS

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- Walter Turnovsky, a representative of the Jewish Agency, will soon proceed to Spain with several hundred additional Palestine immigration certificates to be distributed among Jewish refugees interned in Spanish camps, it was learned here today. He will succeed the late Wilfred Israel who perished in the air liner which was shot down by the Nazis over the Bay of Biscay en route from Lisbon to London.

The office of the Jewish Agency in London today emphasized that the arrangements for the transportation of the refugees from Spain to Palestine will be made in cooperation with the Hias-Ica office in Lisbon. A message received by the Agency office from its executive in Jerusalem stated that the Jews in Palestine were "deeply shocked by the terrible news of the tragic death of Wilfred Israel" who gave his time and his efforts to help the Jews in Nazi Europe reach a haven in Palestine.

"Wilfred Israel died in the service of his people," the message read. "His devoted selfless service will not be forgotten by the Jews of Palestine." The Agency also received a cable from Dr. Weizmann asking it to convey to Mr. Israel's relatives his "deep sense of grief." Condolences were also received here from the Lisbon office of the Joint Distribution Committee.

ANCIENT LAND OF THE SAXONS RECLAIMED BY ZIONIST YOUTH IN ENGLAND

LONDON, June 7.(JTA)-- Five hundred acres of abandoned swamp land in Malmesbury, in Southern England, which, according to ancient records, was owned 1,200 years ago by Athelstan, King of the Saxons, have been reclaimed through the efforts of members of the Zionist youth movement and are now producing hundreds of tons of food, it is reported in the London News Chronicle today by that paper's agricultural editor.

The Chronicle says that 40 young men, who are receiving agricultural training in preparation for going to Palestine, are working the land. The youths live in a nearby hostel and pool all their wages. The Agricultural Officer of Wiltshire, the county in which Malmesbury is located, is quoted as stating that the young Zionists are "among the best extra workers we have taken on. They learn quickly, work well and seem the happiest persons in the community."

DR. GERSHUNOV, PROMINENT ARGENTINE JEW, INVITED TO WASHINGTON AS U.S. GUEST

BUENOS AIRES, June 7.(JTA)-- Dr. Alberto Gershunov, prominent Argentine journalist and leading writer of the Buenos Aires newspaper La Nacion, is leaving for Washington where he will be a guest of the United States Government, it was learned here today. Dr. Gurshunov is the son of a Jewish colonist who came to this country many years ago.

The Argentine Zionist Federation today announced that it will provide scholarships for ten young Latin-American Jews enabling them to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. It also decided to raise one million pesos this year for the Keren Hayesod.

AMERICAN JEWISH HEROES DECORATED FOR BRAVERY ON LAND AND IN THE AIR

NEW YORK, June 7.(JTA)-- Lt. Eugene Pollock of New Orleans, La., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters, it was reported here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is 24 years old and has been in the service for two years.

Attached to a U.S. bomber base in England, Lieutenant Pollock is a Flying Fortress navigator and has been participating in the concentrated Allied assault on the European continent. On a recent raid over Paris, his plane was one of 133 Forts which devastated the Renault motor works.

Pvt. Oren Libson, 23, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart for gallantry under fire in the Tunisian fighting. Driving an American tank, Private Libson was blown ten feet into the air when an enemy shell hit his tank; he was the only one of his crew to come out alive. As he was starting away, he stumbled over a sergeant whose leg had been shattered. Private Libson stopped to administer first aid and while doing so was hit in the leg.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS TO CONVENE IN NEW YORK; WILL DISCUSS ZIONISM

NEW YORK, June 7.(JTA)-- The fifty-fourth annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be held in New York City, opening on Tuesday, June 22, and continuing through Sunday, June 27, it was announced here today.

Among the high-lights of the Convention will be the joint meeting with the Rabbinical Assembly, the theme of which will be "The Centrality of the Synagogue in American Jewish Life," a round table discussion on "The compatability of Zionism with Reform Judaism," various reports on Jewish education; and a symposium on "Faith of the Jews in the Armed Forces."

HISTORY OF JEWISH MARINERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO NAVY MEN

NEW YORK, June 7.(JTA)-- Fifty-thousand copies of a booklet "Jews and the Sea" will be distributed by the Chaplain's office of the U.S. Navy to Jewish midshipmen, bluejackets and coast guards, it was announced here today. The booklet contains factual material on maritime activities in Palestine, and carries a short historical survey of the Jews in navigation - past and present - including an article on the Jews in the U.S. Navy. It is published by the American Zionist Youth Commission and edited by S. Bardin, executive director of the Commission which has been established jointly by the ZOA and Hadassah.

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