

NAZIS MAKE BELGIUM "JUDENREIN"; DEPORT 52,000 JEWS TO CAMPS IN OCCUPIED LANDS

LONDON, June 14.(JTA)-- Practically all the Jews of Belgium have been deported by the Nazis to various concentration camps in occupied Poland and the Ukraine, it was announced here today by the Belgian Government-in-Exile on the basis of information which has just reached here.

The announcement estimated that about 52,000 Jews have been expelled by the Nazis from Belgium, leaving the country almost "judenrein," in accordance with plans prepared in Berlin. The deportations started a year ago and are practically completed by now, the underground report said.

DEPORTATION OF 19,000 JEWS FROM SOFIA REPORTED IN SWEDEN; RUMANIAN JEWS IN PANIC

STOCKHOLM, June 14.(JTA)-- More than 19,000 Jews have already been deported from Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, as a result of the expulsion order issued by the Bulgarian Government several weeks ago, the Swedish newspaper Nya Dagligt Allehanda reported today.

Of the 25,000 Jews who resided in the city before the deportations started, only several thousand, who are citizens of neutral countries, have not yet been expelled. The majority of them are Turkish nationals, the report in the Swedish paper said.

Reports reaching here from Rumania state that the Jewish population there has been thrown into a panic by an announcement that the Gestapo has sent a special commissioner from Berlin to Bucharest to assume control of the Rumanian police force. The commissioner is reported to be Ernst Kaltenbrunner, notorious Nazi and one of Himmler's chief assistants.

PALESTINE JEWS PETITION UNITED NATIONS TO SAVE EUROPEAN JEWRY THROUGH EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, June 14.(JTA)-- A call to the United Nations, appealing to them to rescue the Jews in Europe from Nazi lands before it is "too late," was issued today by the entire Jewish population of Palestine following demonstrations throughout the country.

The call, which will carry the signature of all adult Jews in the country, will be transmitted in the form of a petition to each democratic government. It reads:

"Listen, ye United Nations! From Israel's homeland, from the cradle of the prophets, another call is sent to you, appealing for speedy and humanitarian salvage of those of our people facing extermination tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. You are not too late. The cries of hundreds of thousands of men and women, aged persons and children, are still breaking over the walls. Many are still struggling for life, for honor. There are still countries subdued by the Reich hesitating to shed the blood of innocents. Those countries are still listening to you. Extend practical help. Open the gates of your countries to a nation without a homeland, strengthen the hands of every neutral, warn the satellites to avoid a step which will bring vengeance!"

POLISH ANTI-SEMITES BEING TRAINED BY WAR DEPARTMENT FOR POST-WAR ADMINISTRATION

NEW YORK, June 14, (JTA)-- A Polish politician with a long anti-Jewish and anti-democratic record is enrolled at the War Department's School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Va., on the recommendation of the Polish Government-in-Exile, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The man, whose presence at the school has been confirmed, although neither the War Department nor the Charlottesville authorities would provide details, is Michael Grazynski, who holds the rank of major in the Polish Army and who for 13 years ruled Upper Silesia with an iron hand that fell heaviest on liberals and Jews.

Grazynski's record as Polish administrator shows that he dissolved the autonomous Upper Silesian Diet in 1934; expelled hundreds of Jews from a flexible boundary area, which included most of Silesia, on the pretext that they constituted an "unreliable" political element in strategic territory; committed many liberals and Jews to the notorious Kartuzs-Bereza concentration camp established by the Beck government in Poland; instituted the Nazi-style boycott of Jewish enterprises; ousted the elected leaders of Jewish communal organizations and replaced them with commissars, including the Silesian branch of B'nai B'rith; ousted Jews from commerce and industry, prevented new Jewish physicians from practicing and eliminated those already established from private as well as government sick benefit societies; organized and personally directed a uniformed, armed guard of Polish Silesian youths modelled on Nazi storm troop lines and indoctrinated with Fascist ideologies; ousted hundreds of Jews from Teschen, when Poland invaded that Czechoslovak territory following the Munich pact.

When asked about Grazynski, Polish officials here and in Washington denied that he was anti-Semitic and emphasized that he was noted for his anti-Germanism. One official pointed out that Grazynski was regarded by the Germans as Polish public enemy No. 1, the Propaganda Ministry having declared that an agreement with Poland was not possible while a man like Grazynski was Governor of an area where many Germans were the victims of a relentless "Polonization" process.

Grazynski's Anti-Jewish Policy Coincided with Hitler's Rise to Power

While there is more or less agreement in all quarters that Grazynski was anti-German, it is also pointed out that his open anti-Jewish policy, as indicated by his treatment of the 25,000 Jews of Upper Silesia who constituted less than two percent of the total population, coincided with Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933.

Grazynski levied discriminatory taxes against Jews and imposed regulations which forced Jewish concerns out of business or compelled them to sell out at ridiculously low prices, and took the other measures already listed. When Jewish leaders framed protests to bring before the League of Nations' High Commissioner in Katowice, they were intimidated into withdrawing them by one of Grazynski's collaborators, President Dombrowski of the Silesian Diet.

Shortly after the nationwide anti-Jewish boycott called by the Nazis in Germany in 1934, a similar boycott was put into effect in Upper Silesia. Pickets were thrown around all Jewish stores. When protests were made to the police chief, he replied that he could do nothing about it since the boycott had been sanctioned by Grazynski. When anti-Jewish violence broke out in Katowice, marked by frequent street attacks on rabbis, Jewish leaders who protested to Grazynski were brushed off with this remark: "I can't put a policeman on every corner to protect the Jews."

NAZI EXECUTIONS OF JEWS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN, BRITISH LABOR PARTY IS TOLD

LONDON, June 14.(JTA)-- The Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe will be executed throughout the ages, the delegates to the 42nd annual convention of the British Labor Party were told today in the opening address delivered by A.J. Dobbs, chairman.

Devoting a substantial part of his address to the tragedy of the Jews in Nazi-occupied territories, Mr. Dobbs emphasized that "victory, unless it comes quickly, may be but a Dead Sea fruit for the Jews of Europe."

"Language fails me," he said, "when I recall the foul assault on the helpless Jewish people beyond the reach of our immediate assistance - men, women, children, even babes in arms, killed all day long at the orders of the German Government under circumstances of the most systematic and scientific brutality."

ANTI-SEMITISM CHIEF PLANK IN ELECTION PLATFORM OF TWO SOUTH AFRICAN PARTIES

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 14.(JTA)-- Anti-Semitism is one of the chief planks of two of the parties seeking to elect members of parliament in the general elections which will be held on July 7. The anti-British Herenigde (Nationalist) Party and the pro-Nazi Ossewa Brandwag (Ox Wagon Guards), which is a semi-military fascist party which has adopted the name of the early Boer pioneers, are both distributing campaign literature containing virulent anti-Jewish statements.

Several Jewish candidates, members of the government party, are assured of re-election as is the entire government slate, according to well informed political observers here. Had he wished, Prime Minister Smuts might have put off the elections until after the war, under the emergency regulations, but he decided to proceed as usual and hold elections at the expiration of the government's present term.

FOUR STATES CONDEMN ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES; SUPPORT A JEWISH PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 14.(JTA)-- The Legislatures of Connecticut, California, Illinois and Pennsylvania have joined those of eight other states which have within recent weeks gone on record in condemnation of the Nazi policy of Jewish extermination and in demanding immediate enlarged Jewish immigration into Palestine, as well as the establishment by the United Nations of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine in the post-war era, the American Committee for Zionist Affairs announced today. In each State, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The resolution adopted in Illinois demanded that "all barriers to Jewish immigration into Palestine be now removed so that those Jews who can find escape from Axis-dominated Europe have permanent haven therein in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Balfour Declaration." The Pennsylvania lawmakers declared themselves in favor of the "full development of the Jewish National Home in the democratic world order in accordance with the principles for which the United Nations are now fighting."

The Connecticut Senate and House of Representatives went on record as being in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish Commonwealth "as an integral part of the new democratic world order," while the California Legislature, in a concurrent resolution demanded that the Jewish homeland in Palestine be developed by the United Nations "not only as an act of justice to the Jewish people but as an integral part of a new democratic world order in which every people shall have the right to self-government and self-determination."

The Legislatures in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, New York, South Carolina and Texas had previously adopted resolutions in similar vein.

STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF ARGENTINE JEWISH JOURNALIST AS U.S. GUEST

WASHINGTON, June 14.(JTA)-- The State Department today announced the arrival of Dr. Alberto Gerchunoff, distinguished Argentine writer and journalist, for a three months' visit in the United States as a guest of the Government. Dr. Gerchunoff is the son of a Jewish colonist who settled in Argentina many years ago.

"Sr. Gerchunoff is a member of the editorial staff of La Nacion of Buenos Aires, one of the largest newspapers in the world, renowned for its pro-democratic policy," the announcement stated. "He was also founder of El Mundo, of Buenos Aires, and has occupied various editorial positions on other newspapers and reviews. In 1938, Sr. Gerchunoff initiated a course of twenty lectures on Argentine literature at the University of Chile, at the request of that institution.

"Sr. Gerchunoff is the author of many published novels, as well as several hundred articles, studies and lectures. Sr. Gerchunoff is interested in viewing aspects of life in the United States in wartime, and will visit newspapers and schools of journalism throughout the country," the statement concluded.

HOUSE REJECTS BILL TO FACILITATE NATURALIZATION OF PARENTS OF SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, June 14.(JTA)-- Opponents of immigration today prevented the House of Representatives from taking up a bill that would make it easier for the parents of soldiers and sailors to become United States citizens.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Fred A. Hartley, Jr., New Jersey Republican. It would make it unnecessary for aliens with sons or daughters in the armed forces of the United States to file a declaration of intention two years before getting their citizenship. It would also make citizenship possible for those parents who are technically German "alien enemies," although they may be refugees from Hitler.

Speeches against the bill were made by Reps. John Rankin of Mississippi and Wright Patman of Texas, both Democrats. Patman charged that Chairman Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrat, of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee, was trying to rush the bill through. By a standing vote of 33 to 122, the House refused consideration. Dickstein asked for a roll-call to put the members on record, pointing out that no quorum was present, but Rankin won an adjournment.

JEWISH FLYER WHO SECURED SURRENDER OF LAMPEDUSA IS HAILED IN ENGLISH PRESS

LONDON, June 14.(JTA)-- Named by his mates as "King of Lampedusa," the 22-year old London Jewish pilot, Sidney Cohen, who single-handedly secured the surrender of the island of Lampedusa, is hailed today in every newspaper in England as an example of resourcefulness and bravery.

Cohen, who was a cutter in a tailor shop in the East End of London until three years ago, is now a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force. Last Saturday he was flying on a sea rescue mission with two mates, an Englishman and a Scotchman, when he noticed that the gasoline in his plane was running low. Compelled to make an emergency landing, he found himself on the island of Lampedusa.

As soon as his plane stopped rolling, Sgt. Cohen said, he saw groups of people waving white sheets, indicating that they wished to surrender. Two Italian officers escorted Cohen and his crew to the office of the commandant, who gave them a paper signifying that he wished to surrender the island to the Allies. Cohen and his mates then flew to Tunisia where they landed at an American base and gave the note to high military authorities who ordered the Allied landing on Lampedusa.