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JEWS IN ITALY FORBIDDEN TO USE TELEPHONES; NAZIS SAY ITALIAN JEWS "TREATED MILDLY"

STOCKHOLM, June 15.(JTA)-- An order forbidding Jews in Italy to use telephones has been issued by the Italian authorities, the Nazi Transocean news agency reported today from Rome. The order follows the recent decree ordering all Jews in Italy to surrender their radios to the local police.

Transocean, expressing the Nazi viewpoint, complains that the Jews in Italy are treated too mildly. "Fundamentally," the Rome correspondent of the agency writes, "no anti-Jewish tendency exists in Italy." He reviews the situation of the Jews and points out that certain categories of Jews are still exempt from racial laws. Among those exempt, he says, are Jewish soldiers who fought at the front, Jewish members of the Fiume Legion, Jews who were members of the Fascist Party before 1922 and Jews who "made sacrifices for fascism."

"Stricter anti-Jewish regulations," the Nazi correspondent continues, "were introduced after Italy entered the war. Jews were then eliminated from trading in foodstuffs and in rationed commodities; they were forbidden to employ servants and have been placed at compulsory public work. Jews were ordered not to employ servants in their homes because they used to pay 'exorbitant wages,'" the Rome report added.

POLISH GOVERNMENT COMPILES "BLACKLISTS" OF NAZI SCIENTISTS GASSING JEWS

LONDON, June 15.(JTA)-- The Polish Government today announced that it is compiling "blacklists" of German scientists who are experimenting with new lethal gasses on Jews and Poles interned in concentration camps in occupied Poland. The lists of those conducting experiments in the death chambers of the Oswiecim and Treblinka camps will be made public soon, the announcement said.

The Nazi radio stations today reported that Robert Ley, German Labor Commissioner, addressing a conference of Nazi group leaders in Vienna, emphasized that the measures against Jews must be intensified. "You must not cease combatting the Jews as long as any Jew is still alive in Europe," he was quoted as instructing the local Nazi rulers.

JEWS DELEGATION FROM RUSSIA ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON; FIRST IN TWENTY YEARS

WASHINGTON, June 15.(JTA)-- The first Jewish delegation from Russia to reach this country in the last twenty years arrived here today. It is composed of Solomon Mikhoels, president of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, who is the most famous Jewish actor in the U.S.S.R., and Itzik Feffer, noted Jewish poet. Both are holders of high Soviet decorations.

The two delegates will address Jewish gatherings throughout the United States on the position of the Jews in the U.S.S.R., including the Jews evacuated into the Soviet interior from the Nazi-held Ukraine, White-Russia, Crimea and the part of Poland which was held by the Russian Army prior to the Nazi invasion. They will remain in Washington for several days.

"PETITION DAY" FOLLOWS DEMONSTRATIONS IN PALESTINE FOR AID TO JEWS IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, June 15.(JTA)-- Thousands of Jews stopped work today in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa and lined up before tables which were set up in the streets to collect signatures of all adult Jews on a petition which will be sent to the governments of the United Nations, asking for speedy action to rescue Jews who can still be saved from extermination by the Nazis.

The "Petition Day" followed demonstrations which started yesterday throughout the country, led by a mass-meeting on the premises of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, at which speakers demanded that the United Nations not remain indifferent to the fate of the Jews in Nazi-held countries. The mass-meetings were converted into memorials for the Jews who lost their lives in the heroic battle against the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto.

All Hebrew newspapers appeared in black borders today, carrying the text of the petition which was made public yesterday and calling upon every Jewish man and woman in Palestine, irrespective of party affiliations, to sign the petition. Prominent Jewish leaders were present at each table to collect the signatures. Orthodox Jews affixed their signatures in the synagogues at which special prayers for the Jews of Europe were delivered.

At the same time, the Jewish children of Palestine also signed a separate petition addressed "To Children The World Over." The juvenile petition, which was distributed in the Jewish schools, reads:

"We, the Jewish children of the land of Prophets wherein our nation lived a life of freedom and courage, appeal to every boy and girl whose heart is open to the voice of suffering justice - halt for a moment and listen. Scores of thousands of children like you are being led to scaffolds in convoy after convoy. Children of the nations fighting for justice and freedom, help us to save our people. Don't Wait!"

The central committee of the Palestine Federation of Labor today cabled an appeal to the convention of the British Labor Party, which opened yesterday in London, asking it "to use all political and moral influence to assist seven million of our people who are trapped by the Nazis." The appeal also asks the Labor Party to demand "a speedy exchange of the remnants of Polish Jewry for German citizens in the Allied countries, and in any other possible way."

Union of Rabbis Calls on Congregations to Petition Roosevelt to Aid Jews in Europe

NEW YORK, June 15.(JTA)-- The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada today announced that it has called upon all its members to have their congregations individually petition President Roosevelt, asking aid for the Jews in Europe.

The Union has suggested to the congregations that they stress the following two demands in their message to the President:

1. Make possible the migration of Jews out of Europe to all available places of refuge, particularly Palestine.
2. Facilitate the transmission of food to the sufferers, for whom the enemy declares there is no food available.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED IN NEAR EAST AS ALLIES CLOSE SYRIAN-TURKISH BORDER

JERUSALEM, June 15.(JTA)-- Important developments are expected in the Near East as a result of the closing today by the Allies of the Syrian-Turkish frontier to prevent Nazi spies in Turkey from securing information from Arabs crossing the border.

It has long been known that Arabs in Palestine and in Syria are in contact with German agents through messengers crossing from Syria into Turkey. It has also been known that shipments of food and other commodities are smuggled by Arabs from Palestine and Syria into Turkey for transportation to Axis countries. The Allied action today was taken after Admiral Sir John Cunningham, new British Commander-in-Chief in the Levant, made a special flying trip to Ankara and held a conference there with the Turkish Premier and with members of his cabinet.

HUNGARIAN WAR MINISTER FORCED TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF CONTACT WITH JEWISH AIDE

ZURICH, June 15.(JTA)-- Hungarian Defense Minister Col.-Gen. Wilhelm Nagy has been forced to resign because of persistent allegations that he maintained contact with an aide who was Jewish, it is reported here today.

The moving spirit behind the campaign against Nagy has been Bela Imredi, former anti-Semitic premier, who, himself, was forced to resign the premiership because it was proved that he came of Jewish ancestry. Imredi works hand-in-hand with the Germans and it is believed that his efforts to secure Nagy's resignation were motivated by the Nazis' desire to get a defense minister who was more willing to send Hungarian troops to the Russian front.

Hungarian newspapers reaching here today report that the Minister of the Interior has ordered the small community of Zsido (which means Jew) in Pest county to change its name to Vacegres. Another report discloses that a non-Jewish landowner has been fined 4,000 pengo for writing a letter protesting the confiscation of Jewish-owned farm property.

PROF. EINSTEIN WORKING ON EXPLOSIVES FOR U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, June 15.(JTA)-- "The Star Shell," ordnance publication issued by the Navy Department employees, reveals today that Professor Albert Einstein is now an employee of the Ordnance Bureau of the Navy.

Dr. Einstein, the publication says, will work on the theory of explosives at his Princeton, New Jersey, home. It adds that "Dr. Einstein will not be in uniform - he thinks better in his old windbreaker with his trousers rolled up."

CABLE SERVICE BETWEEN PALESTINE AND TUNISIA RESUMED; YISHUV GREETES TUNISIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 15.(JTA)-- Marking the re-establishment of telegraphic communications between Tunisia and Palestine, the Zionist executive today cabled the Tunisian Jewish Community its "warm greetings on your liberation," adding that "our brethren in Nazi Europe are impatiently awaiting speedy liberation also."

A huge mass meeting in Tel Aviv today, arranged by the Association of Bulgarian settlers, protested the Bulgarian Government's persecution of Jews. It adopted a resolution scoring the recent expulsion of most of the Jewish population of Sofia to internment centers in provincial cities.

LEADING AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER 'ASKS REVISION OF PALESTINE WHITE PAPER POLICY

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 15.(JTA)-- A revision of the British White Paper policy in Palestine is demanded today by the influential Sydney Morning Herald. The newspaper says that the situation created by the war has made the White Paper policy "obsolete."

Arab objections to the creation of a Jewish state are not valid in view of Arab indifference to the Allied cause, the Herald says. It adds that "the proposal for a Jewish state is feasible in the new order" which will follow an Allied victory.

The council of churches of the state of Victoria, in which Melbourne is located, today proclaimed next Sunday, June 20, as a day of mourning for the persecuted Jews of Europe. The proclamation stressed the "necessity of focussing the attention of all right-thinking people on the injustices inherent in the persecution of the Jewish people."

CONFERENCE OF PALESTINE RABBIS BACKS DR. HERZOG IN CONFLICT WITH JEWISH AGENCY

TEL AVIV, June 15.(JTA)-- A non-partisan Union of Rabbis was organized here today at a conference of 200 rabbis from all parts of Palestine. The conference wired to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog supporting his stand in the controversy with the Jewish Agency concerning the religious education of the several hundred refugee children from Teheran.

The rabbis appealed to the Jewish Agency not to cause a split in the Yishuv, and urged the Agency to make possible the religious education of all the children. They called on the Mizrahi and Agudas Israel organization, which have split sharply over the question of the young refugees' education, to settle their differences.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY U.A.H.C.

CINCINNATI, June 15.(JTA)-- The announcement of the establishment of an "American Institute for Jewish Studies" to stimulate Jewish studies on the part of young people and adults, will coincide with the 20th Anniversary Meeting of the Commission on Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in New York City on June 21, it was disclosed here today by Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Pittsburgh, the Commission chairman.

The Commission is engaged in several key projects at the present time, chief of which is the preparation of pre-school literature, and the "American Institute for Jewish Studies." A third project is the development of literature on Marriage, Family and Home, especially under war conditions. The membership of the Commission is drawn from all parts of the country and includes only those who are actively engaged in Jewish education.

MASS-MEETING IN NEW YORK WILL COMMEMORATE JEWISH HEROES OF WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, June 15.(JTA)-- A mass meeting to commemorate the heroic armed resistance of the Jews of Warsaw, and to honor Szmul Zygielbojm, late member of the Polish National Council in London, will be held Saturday evening, June 19, in Carnegie Hall, under the auspices of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Speakers at the meeting will include: Hon. Jan Ciechanowski, Ambassador of Poland in the United States; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Lt. Commander Herbert Agar, noted author and editor; Edgar Ansel Mowrer, well-known foreign correspondent and columnist; and leaders of the American Labor movement.