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JAPAN CONFIRMS INTERNMENT OF 15,000 JEWISH REFUGEES IN GHETTO IN HONGKONG AREA

LONDON, June 18.(JTA)-- Japanese authorities in Shanghai have confirmed a report that 15,000 Jewish refugees have been moved into a ghetto in the Hongkong area, it is reported in the London press today.

The report quotes a statement issued by the Japanese director of the Office for Refugees "explaining" that the segregation of the Jews in ghettos was "due to the desire of the Japanese Government to alleviate the position of the refugees and enable them to engage in productive work."

The Deutscher Beobachter in Asien, a Nazi paper published in Shanghai, is quoted today in the London press as attacking the Vichy administration of the French concession in Shanghai for allegedly admitting 6,000 Jewish refugees from other international concessions, thus enabling them to avoid the anti-Jewish regulations which are enforced outside the French area.

NAZIS INTENSIFY DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM POLAND; MANY THOUSANDS EXPELLED SINCE JANUARY

GENEVA, June 18.(JTA)-- Intensifying their drive to deport the Jews from both large and small towns in Poland "to unknown destinations," Nazi authorities this week deported 2,000 Jews from the town of Bendzin, it was reliably reported here today.

The report stated that deportation of the 8,000 Jews who still remain in Bendzin is expected. It also added that the Jews in the neighboring townships of Sosnowietz, Stremieszyce and Dombrowa-Gornicza are panic stricken, fearing that the Nazi authorities will also deport them.

More than 132,000 Jews have been deported from a number of towns in occupied Poland since January, another report reaching here today stated. No trace of the deportees can be found.

The report revealed that 34,000 Jews have been deported from Czystochowa, 15,000 from Brest-Litowsk, 15,000 from Biala-Podlaska, 12,000 from Rawa-Ruska. About 9,000 were deported from Hrubiszow, 9,000 from Kosow, 8,000 from Seredyn, 7,000 from Grajew, 5,000 from Lukow, 5,000 from Zawchost, 4,000 from Sokolow, 3,700 from Chmielnik, 3,200 from Busko, and 2,000 from Suchedimow.

CROATIAN JEWISH LEADERS TAKEN TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN GERMANY

ZURICH, June 18.(JTA)-- Dr. E. Cohn, president of the Jewish community of Zagreb, capital of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, who was recently deported to an unknown destination, is now in a concentration camp "somewhere in Germany" it was reported here today.

Together with him are all the members of the Jewish Community Council of Zagreb whose arrest followed the deportation of Dr. Cohn. The Jews of Zagreb, approximately 8,000 men, women and children, are being held in special camps in Croatia, the report said.

JEWS MUST VACATE THEIR FLATS IN PRAGUE TO MAKE ROOM FOR RAID REFUGEES FROM GERMANY

LONDON, June 18.(JTA)-- Nazi authorities in Prague permit only one barber to serve the several hundred Jews who have not yet been deported from the city, it is revealed in a report received here today by Czechoslovak Jewish leaders. This barber is permitted to work only in the building of the Jewish Council.

Not a single Jewish restaurant remains in Prague, the report stated. The Jews can receive rationed bread, potatoes, and margarine, but no other foodstuff. It is specifically forbidden for Jews to buy shoes, clothing, soap and cigarettes. Only one ward has been set aside for Jews in a Prague hospital to accommodate patients whose condition is critical.

"All Jewish flats," the report reveals, "have been placed at the disposal of Germans who continue to arrive from the sections of Germany bombed by the Allied air forces. The Germans receive a printed list of Jewish flats from which they are to choose their new dwellings. Any flat chosen by them must immediately be vacated by the Jews."

The report also discloses that street cars in Prague can be used only by Jews over 60 years of age. A 84-year old Jew who used a public telephone to make a call to a hospital was sent to a concentration camp, since Jews are not permitted to use telephones.

SWISS JEWS PROCLAIM DAY OF MOURNING FOR EUROPEAN JEWRY

BERN, June 18.(JTA)-- The Union of Swiss Jewish communities today called on all Swiss Jews to hold special services in the synagogues on June 27 to ask intercession for the remnants of European Jewry and to mourn for those millions who have already been massacred by the Nazis.

The call declared that we "remember that in the thousands of years of our history, deliverance has always been nearest when our oppressors threatened us most. We think of many other oppressors who wanted to annihilate our people, but in spite of their efforts the Jewish people survived. Therefore, we want to meet in our synagogues and thank God for the help he has granted us and to ask the Lord to send relief to our harrassed brothers."

GERCHUNOFF LEAVES FOR NEW YORK AFTER CONFERENCES WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, June 18.(JTA)-- Following a week's stay here, during which he conferred with many officials of the State Department, Dr. Alberto Gerchunoff, the distinguished Argentine journalist, who is the son of a Jewish colonist, left today for New York.

Dr. Gerchunoff, who is a guest of the State Department, praised the kindness and consideration of his hosts. He will spend two weeks in New York before going to Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vermont, to deliver a series of lectures on Argentine life and writers.

Before the end of his three-months visit to the United States, Dr. Gerchunoff expects to return to Washington for a longer stay, during which he will meet Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Under-Secretary Sumner Welles. While here, Dr. Gerchunoff had a two-hour talk with Congressman Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

JEWISH DELEGATION FROM MOSCOW SEEKS RUSSIAN-AMERICAN JEWISH UNITY AGAINST NAZIS

WASHINGTON, June 18, (JTA)-- Solomon Michael, president of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Russia, and Itzik Feffer, Jewish poet and member of the same committee, who arrived in the United States this week as a delegation representing the Jews of Russia, today issued a joint statement emphasizing that the purpose of their visit is "to unite the efforts of the Jews of all countries in the sacred struggle" for the complete destruction of Hitlerism. The delegation will leave Washington on Monday for New York.

"We bring with us greetings to their American brothers from the Jews of the Soviet Union who shoulder to shoulder with other peoples of the U.S.S.R. are waging a fierce fight against the most cruel enemy of all mankind, against the oppressor and exterminator of peoples and murderer of the Jewish people, against Fascism," their statement said. "Our aim is to achieve without sparing any efforts the complete destruction of Hitlerism in all its forms and manifestations.

"We believe that we shall succeed in helping to unite efforts of the Jews of all countries in this sacred struggle. The unity of these efforts is the imperative demand of the day, a matter of life and future not only for our own people but of all freedom loving peoples. The peoples of the Soviet Union permeated by the spirit of this struggle wish to achieve, hand in hand with the peoples of the United States, Great Britain and all the peoples of the United Nations, a decisive victory in the shortest possible time. This struggle demands courage, heroism and self-sacrifice. These qualities are necessary not only for those at the front but for all of us in our every-day life, no matter how far away from the front we may be.

"The blood of our brothers and sisters who have been mutilated, tortured, hanged and shot by Hitlerite hangmen calls for revenge, for decisive actions, for the mobilization of all the people's forces, for the subordination of all interests to one aim - struggle and victory. To consolidate the efforts of the people in the struggle against Fascism, to increase and multiply the ranks of the fighters against Fascism - those are the tasks confronting us."

The delegation came to the United States on the invitations of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief and the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists.

HIGH OFFICIAL OF COLONIAL OFFICE REACHES PALESTINE TO STUDY POST-WAR PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, June 18, (JTA)-- Representatives of Jewish financial and industrial institutions in Palestine today conferred with Edmond B. Boyd, a high official of the Colonial Office, who arrived here from London to study various local problems in connection with post-war plans. Mr. Boyd was given an official reception by Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv after which he paid a visit to the headquarters of the Jewish Federation of Labor.

The Arab news agency here today carries a report from Baghdad quoting Nuri Pasha, the Iraqi Premier, as stating that he visualizes the proposed federation of Arab States as becoming an Arab Commonwealth occupying an important position in the post-war world. "It is essential that all Arab states should have one mind with regard to their foreign policy," he is reported as declaring in the course of an interview.

The Iraqi Premier emphasized that each nation joining the Arab Federation should be prepared to approve the establishment of a federal directing body, which will probably be known as The Arab Council, to decide on all matters affecting member nations of the Federation, including their customs duty, foreign policy, economic system and the treatment of national minorities. Each member nation would be represented on the federal body through delegates chosen by an "internal committee" of each country, Nuri Pasha said.

POLISH MINISTER DOUBTS WHETHER JEWS CAN ESCAPE FROM NAZI POLAND TO NEUTRAL LANDS

JERUSALEM, June 18.(JTA)-- A demand that the Polish underground publicly announce that a sentence of death will be carried out against every Nazi occupation official who displays cruelty to the Jews was made here today by a delegation of the Association of Polish Jews which was received by Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Social Welfare, who is now on a tour of the Near and Middle East to investigate the condition of the Polish refugees in those areas.

At a press conference here yesterday afternoon, Stanczyk stated that he doubted that it would be possible for any of the Jews in the ghettos of Poland to reach Allied or neutral territory since "Hitler would not allow any living witnesses of his terror to escape." Questioned by a Jewish representative as to why the Polish Government has not attempted to send food to the ghettos, as relief is sent to Greece, Stanczyk replied that "unfortunately Poland can not be compared to Greece, which before the war imported food, while Poland exported food. Therefore, every uncontrolled food parcel might help Germany."

JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LAND IN U.S. AFTER 77-DAY JOURNEY IN SUBMARINE INFESTED WATERS

NEW YORK, June 18.(JTA)-- Eighty-three Jewish immigrants who left a European seaport, other than Lisbon, Portugal, 77 days ago, today landed at a United States harbor after braving a sea voyage through submarine combat zones, Hias headquarters here reported.

The ship, which was met by Hias representatives, zigzagged its way through the submarine infested waters without any incident. It would have taken the steamer only five days in pre-war timesto cross the Atlantic, the Hias announcement pointed out.

U.S. JEWS CONTRIBUTE \$1,500,000 TO J.N.F. IN NINE MONTHS

JERUSALEM, June 18.(JTA)-- American Jews contributed sixty percent of the record total of \$2,626,000 received by the Jewish National Fund headquarters in the nine-month period from last September to May of this year, it was announced here today. In the similar period of 1941-42, \$1,583,936 was collected.

The JNF announcement also disclosed that the funds received in May marked a new high in monthly totals in the history of the organization. More than \$550,000 was contributed.

ORDER SONS OF ZION CONVENTION OPENED; WILL PRESENT BOMBER TO ARMY

NEW YORK, June 18.(JTA)-- The 34th annual convention of the Order Sons of Zion opened here today at the Hotel Pennsylvania with 400 delegates from sixteen states in attendance. The convention, which will continue through Monday, will formulate the organization's position on Zionist post-war aims and the status of the Jews in post-war Europe. The final proposals of the meeting will be presented for consideration at the forthcoming meeting of the American Jewish Conference.

On Sunday afternoon, the organization will present a bomber to the United States Army at ceremonies which will be addressed by John Whitney Richmond, deputy state administrator of the War Savings Staff.

LEADING GERMAN JEWISH PHYSICIAN DIES IN EXILE IN CAIRO

CAIRO, June 18.(JTA)-- Professor Bernhard Bendix, one of Germany's leading physicians in pre-Hitler days, has died here at the age of eighty. Dr. Bendix was an authority on children's diseases and a professor at the University of Berlin.