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ITALY ORDERS DRASTIC LABOR CONSCRIPTION FOR ALL JEWS BETWEEN 18 AND 35

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA)-- In an attempt to relieve the critical shortage of manpower, the Italian Government last night announced a drastic labor conscription under which all Jewish men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 will be placed at forced labor.

The Rome Radio, as reported by the Federal Communications Commission, stated that "non-Aryans" who, "among other things, are not liable for military service," will be drafted "to prevent anybody from evading labor service."

The broadcast added that the Jewish labor conscripts "will be rigorously organized and directed to take up work in areas that will be established by the Ministry of Corporations." It disclosed that the "total mobilization" will take place on July 1.

At the same time the Rome broadcast stated that non-Jewish men between the ages of 18 to 36, and women between the ages of 18 to 24 would be drafted for compulsory labor service..

RELAXATION OF ANTI-JEWISH FEELINGS IN SLOVAKIA IRRITATES NAZIS

ZURICH, June 20. (JTA)-- A campaign aimed at offsetting the decline in anti-Jewish feelings in Slovakia, which has been noticeable since the Axis defeat in North Africa, is now being conducted by the German press in Bratislava under instructions from the Nazi Propaganda Ministry in Berlin.

Slovak newspapers published in the German language, which reached here today, carry articles complaining that "Jews reappear from their hiding places and behave impudently." At the same time the articles point out that anti-Jewish activities in Slovakia "have noticeably relaxed and have given way to incomprehensible negligence." Certain Jews have even gone so far as to appear in the streets without the yellow badges, the Nazi papers reveal.

The Schwarze Korps, organ of the Gestapo, which was received here today, sharply attacks "privileged" Jews in the Reich, who are married to "Aryan" women and whose children are being reared as Christians. It demands that these Jews be forced to wear yellow Mogen David badges and be obliged to observe the other restrictions imposed on Jews.

"The Jew eternally remains what he is," the Schwarze Korps says, "and forever his hatred against all that is not Jewish is burning within him, whether he is dressed like a Polish Jew or whether he walks about in clothes of German style. Therefore, all Jews must suffer the same fate, which is to be total and indivisible."

DR. WISE ANSWERS KING IBN SAUD ON PALESTINE; HOPES ARAB RULER WILL CHANGE HIS MIND

NEW YORK, June 20.(JTA)-- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, in an article in the current issue of Life magazine, replies to King Ibn Saud of Saudi-Arabia who, in a previous issue of the same publication, published a statement opposing a Jewish Palestine.

Reproducing the full text of the treaty signed between Emir Feisal and Dr. Chaim Weizmann in 1919, which provided for "the closest possible collaboration in the development of the Arab State and Palestine" and stipulated that "all necessary measures shall be taken to encourage and stimulate immigration of Jews into Palestine on a large scale," Dr. Wise points out that "it is from the present realities that the future of Palestine will be shaped and no comment on King Ibn Saud's views would be valid without taking them into account."

Dr. Wise also emphasizes that "in no Arab country, and least of all in any under the domination of Ibn Saud, has there been a general progress in the condition of the Arab masses remotely comparable with that which the Zionist work has brought to the masses of Palestine." He concludes with the hope that Ibn Saud's name may still be found "among those who will give furtherance and sanction to the resettlement of Jews in Palestine and the re-creation of the Jewish National Home therein," since Saudi Arabia can only profit from Jewish efforts in the Near East.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS WANT PALESTINE UNDER INTERNATIONAL MANDATE OF UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, June 20.(JTA)-- A resolution demanding that "an international commission, composed of competent Christian leaders, be sent to Palestine at an early date to study and analyze the problems of Jews and Arabs and return with specific solutions to meet that issue in a spirit of wise and sympathetic statesmanship," was unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the Christian Council for Palestine which numbers over 400 Christian ministers and laymen.

The resolution urges that in the meantime "plans be made now to place Palestine under an international mandate of the United Nations" and that "the doors of Palestine be opened at once to admit tens of thousands more of the persecuted Jewish people from war-torn countries of Europe." Earnest consideration should be given to the facts recognized in the Balfour Declaration" in view of the splendid progress already achieved and the remarkable possibilities for soil reclamation and the settlement of several million more people in that country," the resolution demands.

The executive committee also unanimously voted "to lay emphasis upon the following resolutions:

"1. That America take the lead in helping to save millions of Jews from the horror created by the Nazi terror in Europe. We suggest that our government consider the possibility of utilizing the immigration quotas from all nations for 1943-44 by which a total of 310,000 visas may be issued, and that 100,000 of these be issued to an equal number of Jews now homeless and stateless in Europe. Further, to provide refuge in America by bringing them to this country in available American ships on their successive trips from abroad;

"2. That Christian churches all over America protest ceaselessly against the brutality practiced upon Jews by the Nazis;

"3. That the United Nations make a solemn pledge to consider the plight of the Jews as a paramount issue in the peace settlement, so that this great people may be given the right to live in dignity and self-respect in whatever place on the face of the earth they may choose;

"4. That provision be written into the peace treaty to make the outbreak of political anti-Semitism anywhere prima facie evidence of incitation to crime, and punishable as such under international law.

POLISH PRESIDENT APPOINTS JEWISH LABOR LEADER AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE

LONDON, June 20.(JTA)-- President Racziewicz, of the Polish Government, today announced the appointment of Emanuel Szerer, leader of the Polish-Jewish Socialist Party "Bund," as a member of the Polish National Council to replace Samuel Zygelbojm who recently committed suicide in protest against the indifference of the democratic world to the Nazi extermination of the Jews in occupied Poland.

Mr. Szerer, who is now in New York, doing research on post-war problems for the Jewish Labor Committee, was born in Cracow where he was graduated as a lawyer. He was a member of the Central Committee of the Jewish "Bund" in pre-war Poland and was the editor of the "Walka," a Polish labor organ combatting anti-Semitism. He came to the United States two years ago as a political refugee after succeeding in escaping from Nazi Europe.

RUMANIA SENTENCES PORTUGUESE CONSUL TO HARD LABOR FOR HELPING JEWS

GENEVA, June 20.(JTA)-- Panait Theodosathos, honorary Portuguese consul in Braila, Rumania, has been sentenced by a Rumanian court to one year at hard labor on the charge that he issued forged Portuguese passports to stateless Jews in Rumania in order to help them evade anti-Jewish laws, the German official news agency DNB reported today. Theodosathos is a prominent Greek businessman who has resided in Rumania for many years.

The Bukarester Tageblatt, reaching here today, reports that the commander of Alba-Julia, Rumania, has begun to publish lists of Jews who "desert" from compulsory labor and disappear from the labor camps. The first list contains 238 names, the Nazi paper says.

NON-JEWS ARRESTED IN SOUTHERN HOLLAND FOR HIDING JEWS FLEEING FROM DEPORTATION

STOCKHOLM, June 20.(JTA)-- Nazi occupational authorities in Holland, in a radio broadcast today, announced that a number of non-Jews have been arrested in Southern Holland for giving shelter to Jews who were hiding there to escape deportation.

The announcement was accompanied by a warning to the Dutch population that severe punishment awaits those persons giving shelter to Jews. Thirteen Jews were arrested together with the non-Jews who gave them refuge, it was reported.

The Dutch Nazi press reaching here today carries heated articles attacking a music critic named Wilem Mirandolle for having published a book in which he comments favorably on such Jewish composers as Felix Mendelssohn and Max Orbo de Castro, well known in the Netherlands prior to the Nazi invasion. "Such a book, breathing of love for the Jews, should not appear in 1943," one paper comments bitterly.

ANNUAL AMERICAN ZIONIST CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 20.(JTA)-- Columbus, Ohio has been selected as the city for the forthcoming 46th annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America which will meet in a three-day session over the weekend of September 11, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the organization, announced here today. The sessions will be held in the Deshler-Wallick hotel.

Major problems affecting all aspects of the Zionist movement and its post-war program relating to the status of Palestine and the Jewish position throughout Europe, will be the main items on the convention agenda. Reports to be submitted to the convention will show a 50 percent increase in the membership of the organization over last year, according to figures made public here by Simon Shetzer, executive director of the ZOA.

EMBATTLED WARSAW JEWS HONORED BY 3,000 AT MEMORIAL RALLY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 20.(JTA)-- The 35,000 Jews who were killed in the Warsaw ghetto in a three-week battle which began last April 19, when Nazi extermination squads that came to escort the ghetto residents to execution centers were greeted with rifle and machinegun fire from behind hastily erected barricades, were honored last night at a memorial rally here in Carnegie Hall, attended by 3,000 persons.

Among the speakers were Jan Ciechanowski, Polish Ambassador to the United States; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, which sponsored the meeting; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; and James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, sent a message.

Mr. Ciechanowski said that "the so-called liquidation of the Jewish ghettos in Poland by assassination, will forever remain in the annals of German history as a permanent stain which the usual German post-war whining, groveling and appealing to past proofs of German civilization and culture will never suffice to wipe out." Mr. Held declared that the Jews who died in Warsaw fought the same cause as Allied soldiers in Africa and that their feat would be "resurrected on the pages of future civilized historians." Mr. Green expressed the hope that for his treatment of minorities, Hitler would be put to death. Mr. Carey suggested the establishment of an official commission to inquire into each atrocity and "record the names of the criminals for future punishment." Rabbi Wise predicted that the "Jewish people will live as one of the free, unenslaved and liberated people of a free world."

The speakers also paid tribute to the late Samuel Zygelbojm who committed suicide in London last month to protest the lack of action to save the Jews in Poland.

ROOSEVELT SENDS GREETINGS TO RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY CONVENTION OPENING TODAY

NEW YORK, June 20.(JTA)-- President Roosevelt has sent his "heartly greetings" to the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America which opens here tomorrow at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

The President's message will be presented to the gathering of the Conservative Rabbis of the United States. It reads: "It gives me great pleasure to send hearty greetings to the Rabbinical Assembly of America. The forces of religion must be upheld. Now perhaps more than ever before we need the strength that lies in spiritual things. I trust that yours will be an inspiring and profitable gathering."

FREE SYNAGOGUE INVITES RABBI KLEIN TO SERVE DURING DR. WISE'S ABSENCE

NEW YORK, June 20.(JTA)-- Rabbi Edward E. Klein, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of California, will be called here by the executive council of the Free Synagogue to take charge of the pulpit, of pastoral service and of the Synagogue's department of education during Dr. Stephen S. Wise's absence from his post, from which he has withdrawn for the duration, it was announced here today. He will serve with Rabbis S.E. Goldstein and J.X. Cohen.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ACQUIRES PAINTING BY JAMES N. ROSENBERG

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 20.(JTA)-- The Carnegie Institute here has acquired a pastel "Path of Life" by James N. Rosenberg, noted American Jewish leader, it was announced here today. The painting was one of a number donated by Mr. Rosenberg to the American Red Cross.