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LAVAL DEPRIVES 100,000 MORE JEWS OF FRENCH CITIZENSHIP; NEW DEPORTATIONS EXPECTED

ZURICH, June 25, (JTA)-- An order voiding the citizenship of all French Jews naturalized since 1927 has been signed by Pierre Laval and will enter into force on Sunday, the Nazi Transocean news agency reported today, estimating that at least 100,000 Jews will be affected.

The order will result in renewed mass-expulsions of Jews from France, the Nazi news agency predicted. It estimated that the Jewish population in France has decreased by approximately 100,000 since 1940 and declared that there are few Jews left in Paris.

Transocean expressed the hope that the yellow Mogen David will be introduced for Jews in Southern France where they are not required to wear it. (Pour la Victoire, a French newspaper published in New York, today reported that the Vichy regime is creating entire "Judenrein" departments in France. French and foreign Jews according to the paper are now forbidden to reside in the departments of Allier, Puy-de-Dôme, Haute-Savoie, Alpes-Maritimes, Var, Bouches-du-Rhône, Hérault, Gard, Aude, Pyrénées-Orientales, Ariège, Haute-Garonne, Hautes-Pyrénées, Basses-Pyrénées. Travel permits for these departments are given Jews only under exceptional circumstances. The list of districts forbidden to Jews includes all these on and near the Franco-Spanish frontier and the Franco-Swiss frontier. It would appear that one aim of this measure is to prevent the escape of Jews from France to Spain and Switzerland.)

JEWS IN HUNGARY ORDERED TO REGISTER PROPERTY WITHIN A MONTH

LONDON, June 25, (JTA)-- Jews in Hungary have been ordered to declare all their property by July 1, it was reported last night by the Nazi-controlled Vichy radio station.

The broadcast said that the registration of Jewish property will be followed by confiscations, adding that Jewish estates will be given to "Aryans."

A report published in the London press today states that Bulgarian authorities have admitted that an epidemic of typhus has broken out among the Jews who were deported from Sofia. The epidemic is spreading rapidly in the places where they are interned and Jewish doctors are unable to check it because of lack of medicaments, the report says.

JAPAN ESTABLISHES GHETTO FOR JEWS IN MANILA; SAYS JEWS SPY FOR THE ALLIES

LONDON, June 25, (JTA)-- The London press reports today that Japanese authorities in Manila have isolated the Jews in a ghetto and have prohibited them from coming into contact with other sections of the population.

The measure, the report says, is explained by the Japanese as necessitated by the fact that "the Jews have played a leading part in guerilla activities and have acted as spies for England and America."

CONFERENCE OF REFORM RABBIS URGES DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

NEW YORK, June 25.(JTA)-- Declaring that it sees no "essential incompatibility" between Reform Judaism and Zionism, the 54th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis today urged dissolution of the American Council for Judaism, an organization formed last year by some members of the Conference for the purpose of combating political Zionism.

In one resolution passed at this morning's session, the rabbis reiterated the Conference's determination not to take an official stand on Zionism, but emphasized that there is "no reason why those of its members who give allegiance to Zionism should not have the right to regard themselves as fully within the spirit and purpose of Reform Judaism."

In another resolution, aimed specifically at the American Council for Judaism, the delegates, although maintaining that members of the Conference "were fully within their rights in espousing whatever philosophy of Jewish life they accept," declared that the Council for Judaism has endangered the unity of the Conference. Zionists and other groups interested in having Palestine opened to large scale immigration required by the situation of European Jewry "could not avoid judging" the Council as an example of "what they had come to consider the constant opposition of Reform Judaism to Zionist aspirations," the resolution further pointed out. It, therefore, urged the Council to dissolve.

At yesterday's session the Conference approved the pension plan reported out by its committee on rabbinical pensions and it was announced that all members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had agreed to subscribe to the scheme. It is expected that it will be put into operation within a year.

Three Jewish chaplains addressed the convention on the symposium topic, "The Faith of the Jew in the Armed Forces." Chaplain Julius Mark of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chaplain Selwyn Ruslander, U.S.N.R., of Williamsburg, Va., and Chaplain Albert Goldstein of Sheppard Field, Texas, were the speakers at the symposium, held in connection with a memorial for Chaplain Alexander D. Goode, who lost his life in the sinking of a transport. Reports and papers on Jewish religious education were read at this morning's meeting.

PALESTINE JEWISH FARMERS DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH COLONIAL OFFICIAL

JERUSALEM, June 25.(JTA)-- Problems of the Palestine citrus industry as well as the participation of the Palestine Government in the budgets of local Jewish Councils were discussed today at a conference of representatives of the Jewish Farmers Association and Edmund Boyd, Colonial Office representative who came here from London to study post-war economic problems.

There are now twenty youth settlements forming independent agricultural communities in various parts of Palestine, and some nineteen more youth groups are awaiting the allocation of land to set up their own settlements, it was reported here today. They may prove to be the most effective national instrument in saving and healing "a generation which has suffered the most bitter degradation and cruelty," the report said.

Jewish National Fund headquarters here today dedicated a memorial to the late Isaac Ochberg of Capetown, South Africa, who bequeathed a large sum of money to the JNF in 1938. The memorial, in the form of a large pergola, which will serve as a rest center, has been erected on land purchased with Mr. Ochberg's grant.

CONGRESSMAN RANKIN WANTS IMMIGRATION INTO UNITED STATES HALTED UNTIL WAR IS OVER

WASHINGTON, June 25, (JTA)-- Expressing himself in favor of "closing the gates of immigration until the war is over, and until our boys who are in this war get back home," Representative John Rankin (Democrat of Mississippi) speaking on the floor of Congress, opposed the passing of a bill permitting the naturalization of certain categories of persons whose sons or daughters served in the armed forces of the United States.

Representative Eugene Cox (Democrat from Georgia) who introduced the bill, explained that the main purpose was to waive the filing of the declaration of intentions to become a citizen, in those instances. Representative Forest A. Harness (Republican from Indiana) stated that "America has profited richly through its acquisitions of peoples of foreign stock."

Representative Samuel Dickstein (Democrat from New York) charged that there seemed to be a well organized bloc in the House, determined to bring the defeat of any and all legislation recommended by the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. In a later reference, the representative stated: "There is too much fighting over legislation that comes from certain committees, too much objection to certain racial groups."

DANGER OF AIR ATTACKS IN PALESTINE NOT YET REMOVED; CIVILIAN DEFENSE STRENGTHENED

JERUSALEM, June 25, (JTA)-- Palestine authorities today warned the population that the danger from enemy air raids on coastal cities is not yet removed. They announced that steel helmets and white uniforms will be issued to the Air Raid Protection personnel in Tel Aviv. In addition more equipment will be supplied and full-time workers will be enlisted whose pay and conditions of work will be the same as that of auxiliary police.

"The authorities do not regard the threat of air attacks as having disappeared, and measures should not be relaxed," stated Mr. R. C. Musgrave, Director of Passive Defense. "Anybody who subscribes to the view that the danger is now passed, and that passive defense measures should be relaxed," he declared, "is not only a fool, but a public menace."

NUMBER OF JEWS IN POLISH ARMY GROWING, OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW

LONDON, June 25, (JTA)-- The number of Jews in the Polish Army has increased substantially, official figures published today by the Polish Government-in-Exile reveal.

In the Polish military units in the Middle East, recently inspected by Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, there are more than 3,300 Jewish officers and men. A large number of Jews are also serving with the Polish forces in Scotland, constituting a considerable percentage of the total number in service.

ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES ATTRACT ATTENTION OF JEWISH NOTABLES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, June 25, (JTA)-- Many prominent English Jews who have hitherto abstained from participating in the activities of the Board of Deputies of British Jews are participating in the present elections to the Board which will have its first session on July 4. It will be composed of approximately 400 re-elected and newly-elected members.

More than 380 members, representing a good cross section of British Jewry, have already been elected. They include prominent Jews who will serve on the Board for the first time. Among them are Lady Bearstead, Lady Hartog, Simon Marks, Samuel Salmon, Mrs. Israel Sieff, Victor Gollanz and Basil Henriques.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH SOLDIERS IN PALESTINE ADMIRE JEWISH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BOSTON, June 25.(JTA)-- Praising Jewish achievements in Palestine, especially in the Plain of Sharon, Joseph G. Harrison, correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor with the United Nations Forces in the Middle East, in a cable from Tel Aviv today says that "no fair-minded person passing through here would ever again assert that the Jews are by nature city dwellers, and incapable of tiling the soil successfully."

"I have made it a point," Mr. Harrison cables, "to question a number of British and American soldiers here on leave regarding their attitude and opinion on the Arab-Jewish question and I have discovered a strong general feeling of admiration for Jewish accomplishments in Palestine. This feeling of friendliness toward the Jewish cause is strongly reinforced by the reception which the troops have received in this all-Jewish city and which is in strong contrast to the feeling of many men that the Arabs are unfriendly and only interested in charging the highest possible prices.

"Numerous soldiers and officers, while admitting the justice of Arab contentions, expressed the belief, 'Palestine should be given to the Jews,' or 'the Jews should be allowed to come here as much as they want,'" Mr. Harrison continues. "Although such opinions may not be derived from the deep study of the Palestinian problem it is not impossible that they will have an important effect when the time comes to make a final settlement of the Holy Land question after the war.

"Furthermore a walk down Tel Aviv streets is enough to convince any person who makes even a pretense of character reading that it is extremely unlikely that the Jews will ever accept any solution of the Palestine problem which they feel betrays their interpretation of the Balfour Declaration promising them a national home here. This doesn't mean that a solution is impossible, but it does mean that Palestine remains today one of the thorniest problems facing Britain and the Allies," the cable concludes.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$11,500,000 IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1943

NEW YORK, June 25.(JTA)-- The United Jewish Appeal, in the first six months of this year, raised \$11,500,000 of its \$25,000,000 1943 quota, it was reported today at a meeting of the executive committee which was convened to review the results of Spring campaigns in 3,095 communities.

Expressing satisfaction with the rise in the level of giving in all parts of the country in the current year, the executive committee nevertheless pointed out that in order to meet vital needs for overseas war relief and rehabilitation, for the maintenance of the wartime program in the Jewish National Home in Palestine and for the adjustment of refugees in the United States to the war effort, American Jewry must provide an additional sum of \$13,500,000 during the balance of this year.

The statement of the executive committee called attention to new developments which have enlarged the scope of the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. Among these it cited (1) the liberation of North Africa; (2) the large-scale enterprise for the emigration of 29,000 refugee children to Palestine and the transportation of thousands of others to the Western Hemisphere; (3) the shortage of war manpower which requires the speedy integration of refugees in American war industries. How widespread has been American Jewry's interest in and support of the U.J.A., was indicated in the fact that 3,095 communities took part in the Spring drive this year as compared with 2,520 communities for the same period in 1942.