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NAZIS SEND 50,000 JEWS TO "DEATH CAMPS" IN REPRISAL FOR R.A.F. BOMBING OF RUHR DAMS

STOCKHOLM, June 28.(JTA)-- Acting in reprisal for the British bombing of the Ruhr dams, the Nazi authorities have deported 50,000 Jews from the fortress town of Terezin, in the Czech Protectorate, to "death camps" in occupied Poland, the Swedish newspaper Aftontidningen reported today.

The majority of the deportees - who came originally from Czechoslovakia, Austria and Germany - had been confined at Terezin for many months. They were kept completely isolated and were jammed together in a comparatively small area with little provision for food, shelter or sanitation. They were told that they were being sent to Poland because a Jewish refugee from the Ruhr had advised the Royal Air Force to bomb the Eder and Mohne dams. The British Government, however, had already denied a report that the suggestion to destroy the dams came from a Jewish refugee.

The Reichsanzeiger, organ of the Nazi Protector in Prague, which reached here today, carries a list of 88 Jews whose property was confiscated last week because they had either succeeded in escaping abroad, or had been deported as "dangerous elements."

Extermination of Dutch Jews in Polish Concentration Camps Reported

LONDON, June 28.(JTA)-- The Polish Government today reported that "many thousands" of Jews who were deported by the Nazis from Holland were sent to the notorious Treblinka concentration camp in occupied Poland where they were executed in special "death chambers" which the Nazis recently "improved" to facilitate the mass-gassing of Jewish internees.

The same report, which came from the underground movement in Poland, also stated that a transport of 340 Dutch Jews was massacred by the Nazis at Sochy, near Zwierzyniec-Lubelski, and that a group of 100 Jewish women and children from Holland was killed in Szarajewka, near Potok. Another group of 150 Dutch Jews was annihilated by the Nazis in the village of Tursk.

Another report reaching here today stated that the "Jewish camps" which the Nazis organized to house Jews in occupied Holland are being dissolved as a result of intensified deportations of Jewish internees to Nazi-held territories in Eastern Europe.

The report, which supplements previous advices to the effect that all the Jews of Holland have either been deported or are held in concentration camps awaiting deportation, reveals that the Nazi authorities issued an order that individual parcels intended for the interned Jews should no longer be addressed to their camps directly, since these camps were being dissolved, but "to a distribution center from where they will be forwarded," the report says.

LEHMAN'S OFFICE SETS UP FOUR RELIEF CENTERS FOR JEWS IN TUNIS

WASHINGTON, June 28.(JTA)-- Four separate centers have been set up by the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations to aid Jewish refugees in Tunis, the State Department announced today.

About 1,500 Jews fled to Tunis from the Nazi military regime at Bizerte. The OFRRO made special arrangements through local leaders and social agencies to provide for urgent food and clothing needs, as well as suitable shelter with friends or relatives.

The four centers in Tunis furnish health inspections, as well as milk, sugar, rice and clothing for children and the sick. The OFRRO is also helping the Jewish community return native refugees to their homes, and it is expected that the special services for them can soon be terminated.

The OFRRO has also played a large part, according to the announcement, in finding jobs for inmates of refugee camps. Some of these, sick or otherwise disabled, are being cared for in rest camps where they can get proper food and treatment. One of these camps is at Fouke Marine, Algeria. Other of these refugees are being accommodated in private homes in the Oran, Algiers and Casablanca areas. Special arrangements are being made to provide milk for refugee children.

PALESTINE JEWS SEND RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

JERUSALEM, June 28.(JTA)-- The Red Mogen Dovid, which is the Jewish Red Cross of Palestine, today presented a check for \$400 to the Turkish Consulate here as the first donation from Palestine Jews for the relief of victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey. Accepting the donation, the Turkish Consul General expressed his thanks, pointing out that Palestine is the first country to respond to the emergency call issued by Turkey.

The Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization, today announced the establishment of a separate Community Council in Tel Aviv with Rabbi Karelitz as Chief Rabbi.

I.O.B.A. CONVENTION WANTS ROOSEVELT TO REMAIN PRESIDENT UNTIL END OF WAR

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., June 28.(JTA)-- A resolution expressing the hope that President Roosevelt "will continue his great services to humanity until the war is successfully terminated with unconditional surrender of the Axis powers," was unanimously adopted today by the 500 delegates assembled at the annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham. The resolution described the President as the "outstanding generalissimo in the present war."

Yesterday the convention heard a plea for further purchase of war bonds by Samuel Levin, father of Staff Sgt. Meyer Levin. Half way through his address Mr. Levin collapsed, but after a short rest was able to continue. Following his appeal, the delegates voted to purchase an additional \$2,000,000 worth of bonds "in honor of Sgt. Levin, Capt. Colin Kelly, and other of our fallen heroes, Protestant, Catholic and Jew." It was reported that the IOBA has already purchased \$3,000,000 worth of bonds.

A message was received from British Ambassador Lord Halifax, expressing appreciation for the contributions made by the IOBA to British War Relief.

CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER PLEDGES AID FOR JEWISH VICTIMS IN NAZI EUROPE

MONTREAL, June 28.(JTA)-- Prime Minister William MacKenzie King of Canada has reiterated the readiness of his government "to do its part in a cooperative effort to deal with the tragic position of the victims of Nazi persecution" in a letter to Samuel Bronfman, the national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, it was reported here today.

Mr. King also expressed the hope "that methods may be developed which will relieve the suffering of the Jews of Europe as rapidly as the circumstances of the war will permit."

The Prime Minister's letter was in response to a communication from the Canadian Jewish Congress urging that the government act immediately to relieve the plight of the Jews of Europe. The Congress suggested that (1) Canada admit a number of Jewish refugees, especially children; (2) the government take the initiative in organizing a system of feeding the Jews of Europe and (3) the government cooperate with other United Nations and neutral countries in any international plan which may be adopted to deal with the problem.

J.D.C. ALLOCATED \$5,208,400 FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF WORK DURING FIRST HALF OF 1943

NEW YORK, June 28.(JTA)-- The sum of \$5,208,400 was allocated by the Joint Distribution Committee in the first six months of 1943 for aid to Jewish refugees and to war-ravaged Jewish communities abroad, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C. This represents an increase of \$1,582,090 over allocations during a similar period of 1942.

Sharply increased allocations for the maintenance of thousands of refugees now in Spain, Switzerland and Portugal comprise a major portion of the six months appropriations. This refugee emigration, for the most part, commenced in the summer of 1942, when deportations from France were ordered, continued at an accelerated rate after the German occupation of France and, despite tightening of Nazi border patrols, is still proceeding. It is estimated that 8,000 persons have crossed the Pyrenees into Spain and 6,000 have entered Switzerland. In both of these countries, it has been necessary for the Joint Distribution Committee to supply food, clothing, shelter, medical aid, and in the case of Spain, to obtain release from internment camps and prisons, on guarantees of maintenance, of large numbers of women, children and men not subject to military service.

Plans to rescue thousands of Jewish children from occupied Europe, which were initiated last year, have not been abandoned, Mr. Hyman declared. The six months budget, he pointed out, includes, in addition to the maintenance guarantee for the 1,000 French children, in the event that they are brought into Switzerland, an appropriation of \$105,000 for the transportation of three groups of 250 persons each from the Balkans to Palestine, through Turkey. These groups are the vanguard of 4,500 children and 500 adults for whom Palestine visas have been issued. Their departure is being delayed pending exit visas from Bulgaria. Included, also, in the six months budget are grants for general emigration purposes, for the transportation requirements of refugees from Turkey and the Balkan states to the Isle of Cyprus and for a group of Yemenites from Aden to Palestine.

CRITICS OF ALLIED BOMBING REMINDED BY ARCHBISHOP OF SUFFERING OF JEWS UNDER NAZIS

LONDON, June 28.(JTA)-- "Those writing me in impassioned terms of the sufferings of the Germans in bombed cities forget the prolonged and awful sufferings of Jews, Poles and Czechs under the Nazis," the Archbishop of York is reported today to have written to his diocese.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF NZO DENIES NEGOTIATING FOR UNITY WITH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, June 28.(JTA)-- The central committee of the New Zionist Organization here today officially denied recent rumors concerning negotiations between the Revisionists and the Zionist Organization. The NZO announcement stated categorically that "the New Zionist Organization is not negotiating for re-entrance into the Zionist Organization."

Cabled advices from Johannesburg, South Africa, state that the NZO there has issued a statement intimating that the unity agreement reached with the local Zionists last year has lapsed since it has not been accepted by the headquarters of the Zionist Organization in Palestine. It charges that the leaders of the World Zionist Organization have made no efforts to meet with the NZO leaders to discuss the question of unity.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TWO-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 28.(JTA)-- A two-day session of the executive committee which is organizing the American Jewish Conference will open in New York on July 14, it was announced here today. Final arrangements for the Conference as well as the allocation of seats to national membership organizations will be made at this meeting.

A number of requests for admission to the Conference on a national basis are now being considered by the admission committee and will be submitted for approval to the executive committee at the same meeting. The Conference is definitely scheduled to take place on August 29 in New York, the announcement said.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NAMES DR. GOLDSTEIN PUBLIC MEMBER OF FOOD COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, June 28.(JTA)-- The Jewish Conciliation Board of America today announced that Dr. Israel Goldstein, its president, has been named by the United States Department of Labor as a public representative for the Meat, Poultry and Dairy Products Industry. He is the only Jewish member of the group. This committee is to investigate conditions and to recommend minimum wage rates for all employees in this industry. It consists of a group representing employers, another group representing employees and a third group representing the public.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION VOTES TO EXTEND ITS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, June 28.(JTA)-- The Board of Governors of the American Association for Jewish Education, meeting here in an all-day session yesterday, in lieu of its scheduled annual meeting which was postponed at the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, voted to secure the services of an executive director and to expand the field staff of the organization.

Leaders of Jewish education in 25 cities throughout the country reported on the developments in their communities. The Association which was formed four years ago to act as a liason agency between the lay leaders of Jewish educational activities, is now devoting its efforts to assisting various communities in maintaining their educational facilities in the war period and in planning for after the war. Since the regular convention was cancelled, it was decided yesterday that all officers will retain their posts until such time as a convention can be held. Mark Eisner of New York City is president of the Association.