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GERMAN NATIONALS INTERNED IN PALESTINE REFUSE TO RETURN TO REICH

TEL AVIV, June 29.(JTA)-- German settlers in Palestine who were interned as enemy aliens after the outbreak of war are refusing to be exchanged for Palestinian citizens interned in the Reich, and have expressed the desire to remain in isolation camps here rather than to be repatriated to Germany.

A poll taken by the Spanish Consul, who is protecting the interests of German nationals in Palestine, established that the German internees prefer to await the end of the war on Palestine soil. Most of the Germans refrained from giving any explanation of why they did not wish to return. Some of them stated, however, that they are not prepared to abandon the property which they have in Palestine.

The majority of the internees had lived in Palestine many years before the war, but retained their German citizenship. They resided chiefly in the settlement of Sarona, a German colony on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Others lived in Bethlehem and in Wilhelma. Several groups of interned German settlers have been transported to Germany in exchange for Jews holding Palestine passports who were stranded in the Reich by the outbreak of the war. No further exchanges will be possible; apparently, now that Nazi Germany has lost its attraction for those of its citizens in Palestine.

1,500,000 ACRES OF LAND TAKEN FROM JEWS IN HUNGARY, PRIME MINISTER REPORTS

BERN, June 29.(JTA)-- The Swiss radio today quoted the Hungarian Prime Minister Nicholas von Kallay as announcing that more than 1,500,000 acres of land held by Jews have been expropriated since he assumed office in March, 1942. Two-thirds of it, he said, has been allocated to Hungarian farmers who have served in the war, while the remainder will be turned over to "Aryans" before the end of this year.

At the same time the Budapest radio today broadcast a denial of the report disseminated by Vichy to the effect that all real estate held by Jews will be confiscated and distributed among Hungarian Christians.

The broadcast from the Hungarian capital emphasized that the order instructing Jews to register their property with the authorities by July 1, which was published in the Hungarian official gazette on June 24, is not a new measure. This decree, the broadcast said, is merely aimed at checking to what extent Jews have registered their property under a previous law issued in September of last year.

NAZI EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM GREECE REPORTED BY GREEK GOVERNMENT

LONDON, June 29.(JTA)-- The Greek Government-in-Exile today reported that following the mass-expulsion of Jews from Salonica by the Nazi authorities, all the remaining Jews in the Ebrus province were recently ordered to leave their homes "voluntarily." Those who failed to comply with the order were packed into coal trains and taken away to an unknown destination.

LIQUIDATION OF JEWS IN CROATIA REACHING FINAL STAGE; ZAGREB RABBI "DISAPPEARS"

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, June 29.(JTA)-- The liquidation of Jews in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia is reaching its final stage, according to information reaching here today. Very few Jews are left in the city of Zagreb, the Croatian capital, and almost none in any other town. Those still permitted to live in Zagreb are physicians and Jews married to "Aryans."

Rabbi Freiburger, one of the leading Zagreb rabbis, is reported to have "disappeared" from the city shortly after the arrest and expulsion of Dr. E. Cohn, the president of the Zagreb Jewish Community. Many Jews are committing suicide in the camps to which they are sent for forced labor.

A Serbian officer who succeeded in reaching here after two years under Nazi rule stated that the Jahnice camp, near Belgrade, which was originally used for Jewish prisoners, does not have a single Jewish occupant now. "All Jews in the camp have been killed by the Nazis," he declared.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NAMED TO COMMISSION INVESTIGATING NAZI ATROCITIES ON CIVILIANS

WASHINGTON, June 29.(JTA)-- President Roosevelt today took a further step in the direction of securing punishment for those responsible for massacres of innocent civilians in Nazi-held countries by nominating Herbert C. Pell, former U.S. Minister to Hungary and Portugal, as American representative on the United Nations Commission to investigate war crimes.

At the same time it was learned here today that Soviet Russia has joined the commission which will develop its own programs and policies and coordinate the evidence which member government have long been collecting.

In announcing the naming of Mr. Pell to the Commission, Stephen Early, the President's secretary, today read the following extract from Pell's letter of appointment: "It is to be hoped that the Commission, which will have its headquarters in London, will be able to take concrete steps looking to the punishment of agents of the Axis powers who have perpetrated atrocious crimes against innocent victims." The Commission is expected to meet soon.

JEWISH DELEGATION FROM RUSSIA RECEIVED BY MAYOR LAGUARDIA

NEW YORK, June 29.(JTA)-- Solomon Mikhoels and Itzik Feffer, the two-man Jewish delegation from Russia which is now visiting this country, were received today at City Hall by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, who welcomed them in the name of New York City.

Mr. Mikhoels, who is a member of the municipal administration in Moscow, and Mr. Feffer, who held a similar post in Nazi-occupied Kiev, greeted the Mayor in behalf of their respective cities. They expressed their thanks for the aid which the people of New York have sent to the Russian people.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN SWITZERLAND FAST AND PRAY FOR JEWS IN NAZI-HELD EUROPE

GENEVA, June 29.(JTA)-- Prayers were offered in all synagogues throughout Switzerland this past Sunday. Swiss Jews fasted and prayed for their co-religionists who have been starved and massacred in Nazi-held Europe. The call for the fasting and prayers was issued by the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities.

POLISH PREMIER REACHES PALESTINE; WILL DISCUSS POLISH-JEWISH RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, June 29.(JTA)-- Polish Premier Gen. Sikorski arrived in Palestine today on an inspection tour of the Polish forces in the Middle East. He will discuss Polish-Jewish problems with representatives of Polish Jews here.

It was revealed today that a high ranking Polish Army officer, passing Jerusalem en route to the Persia-Iraq command, took with him a Sefer Torah and ark as a gift from Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog to Polish Jewish soldiers in the area. The Chief Rabbi has sent a message to the troops expressing the hope that the law from Zion will accompany them everywhere to ultimate victory. The Holy Scroll is encased in a portable ark.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PALESTINE ADOPTS PLAN FOR IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION AFTER WAR

JERUSALEM, June 29.(JTA)-- Plans for post-war absorption of new immigrants were decided upon here today at a plenary session of the Jewish National Council of Palestine. They deal chiefly with development of the educational and social services of the Council for the purpose of accommodating new Jewish settlers after the war.

Working in full cooperation with the Jewish Agency, the Council also decided to appoint a special committee to devise an employment insurance program to cope with possible post-war unemployment. The committee will be composed of representatives of organized labor and employers' organizations.

In connection with the reopening of the recruiting offices of the Jewish Agency, it was announced today that nearly 22,000 Jewish men and women from Palestine are now serving with the British forces and an additional 6,342 are attached to various police and guard units. About 14,000 more are members of the civilian defense organization.

The Jewish National Fund announced today that six new settlements have been established in Palestine during the past six months. The settlements cover more than 18,000 dunams and have an annual total budget of about \$600,000.

The General Officer Commanding the British forces in Palestine has confirmed the conviction by a military court on May 16 of Itzhak Pinkus and Mrs. Rivka Nachmias for being in possession of arms. At the same time the G.O.C. has reduced the sentence of Pinkus from eight to six years imprisonment and that of Mrs. Nachmias from twelve to six months.

Immediate Settlement of Palestine Question Urged by Leon Henderson

NEW YORK, June 29.(JTA)-- The question of Palestine should be settled immediately by the United Nations and not deferred for post-war consideration, it was stated here last night by Leon Henderson, former head of the Office of Price Administration, addressing a gathering of more than 500 workers and officers of the United Jewish Appeal at Town Hall. Mr. Henderson is now chairman of the board of editors of the Research Institute of America.

The record sum of \$4,914,819 has been raised to date in the New York area for refugee relief work, overseas needs and assistance to Palestine, it was announced at the gathering by Sylvan Gotshal, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Other speakers included William Rosenwald, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Nathan Straus and Alexander E. Arnstein.

36,000 SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS SIGN DECLARATION ASKING PALESTINE OPEN DOOR

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 29.(JTA)-- More than 36,000 adult Jews, comprising a majority of the adult Jewish population of the Union of South Africa, have signed the declaration being circulated by the Zionist Federation here, asking for the opening of Palestine to Jewish immigration, establishment of a Jewish National Home there and the formation of a Jewish Army, it was announced today. Zionist circles point out that never before has there been such a wide-spread response to Zionist demands.

The first model training farm for Zionist youths who plan to emigrate to Palestine after the war has been established in South Africa. Called Kfar Balfouria, it is located on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

IOBA CONVENTION BACKS JEWISH NATIONAL HOME, ASKS GUARANTEE OF MINORITY RIGHTS

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., June 29.(JTA)-- Resolutions calling for the creation of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, for the protection of minority rights in all countries after the war and for a program of inter-faith and "good neighbor" cooperation were adopted last night by the 56th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham.

Other resolutions passed by the convention pledge support of Jewish educational activities, ask for a campaign to combat anti-Semitism, promise support of refugee relief programs and back the program of the American and World Jewish Congresses. Chief speaker at yesterday's session was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who delivered an address on "Jewry and the War." Herman Hoffman of New York City was re-elected Grand Master.

DR. BELKIN IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF YESHIVAH COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, June 29.(JTA)-- Dr. Samuel Belkin, dean of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary since 1941, has been elected president of the seminary and Yeshiva College, it was announced yesterday. He becomes the second president in the 57-year history of the seminary, succeeding the late Dr. Bernard Revel, founder, who died in December, 1940.

Dr. Belkin received his early training under the Chofetz Chaim and at the Mir Yeshiva in Lithuania, where he was ordained. In 1929 he came to America for his secular studies at Brown and Harvard Universities. He received the degree of Ph.D. in semitics at Brown in 1935, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He has been Professor of Talmud and Hellenistic Literature since 1936 and Professor of Greek at the college.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION RE-ELECTS DELMAN AS PRESIDENT; DISCUSSES POST-WAR PROBLEMS

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 29.(JTA)-- J. David Delman was unanimously re-elected president of the National Council of Young Israel by 500 delegates from all over the country assembled at the thirty-first annual convention of the organization, which concluded here. The convention, which opened Friday evening, concerned itself mainly with the question of post-war Jewish rehabilitation.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN JACKSONVILLE DECIDES TO PUBLISH NEWSPAPER

JACKSONVILLE, June 29.(JTA)-- The Jewish Community Council has undertaken the publication of a bi-weekly newspaper, the Commentator, which will be the official organ of the Jewish community, it was announced here today. Edited by the director of the Council, William I. Boxerman, the Commentator will be entirely devoid of commercial angles, accept no advertising and reach every Jewish family in Jacksonville.