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JEWS IN RUMANIA WARNED TO PAY SPECIAL TAX OF \$14,000,000 WITHIN SIX WEEKS

GENEVA, July 1.(JTA)-- Jews in Rumania were "reminded" today in a broadcast over the Bucharest radio station that by August 12 they must complete payment of the 4,000,000,000 lei (approximately \$28,000,000) "special Jewish tax" imposed upon them.

One half of the 4,000,000 lei had been collected by the Rumanian authorities by the middle of June. Unless the second half is paid by August 12, all Jewish taxpayers who have not made their payments will be deported together with their families to Transnistria, the broadcast warned.

The collection of the first 2,000,000 lei caused great hardship. Jews were forced to sell their belongings in order to pay the tax. This resulted in a sharp drop in the price of securities and resulted in chaos on the Rumanian stock exchange, since wealthier Jews rushed to sell their stocks and bonds in order to be in a position to pay the first installment of the tax. At present very few Jews in Rumania possess anything of value which they could sell. It is, therefore, very doubtful whether the majority of the Jews will be able to comply with today's order to have the balance of the tax paid within the next six weeks.

Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader who was deported from Bucharest to Transnistria for protesting against the introduction of the levy, was reported today to be residing in Mohilev, the devastated city in Transnistria which is the headquarters of the Rumanian administration dealing with deported Jews. He is not permitted to correspond with anyone in Bucharest or in other parts of Rumania.

PALESTINE MAPS PLANS FOR CARE OF DEMOBILIZED JEWISH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, July 1.(JTA)-- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today announced that plans are now in preparation for the care of Jewish war invalids as well as for Jews who will return from the armed forces after the war.

The plans include demands that the British Government and the Palestine administration cooperate with the Yishuv in securing "a decent productive life for the fighters for freedom."

GERMANS RENT SYNAGOGUES FOR CLUBS IN CROATIA UNDER 99-YEAR LEASE

ZURICH, July 1.(JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today report that the authorities in Croatia have "leased the synagogues in the towns of Osijek and Zeman to local Germans "for a period of 99 years." The synagogues are to be used for German labor clubs.

The same papers report that the Rumanian authorities have confiscated the synagogue in the Rumanian city of Buzau.

The German radio today announced that the Bulgarian police surrounded "an armed band of twelve Jews" in the Rhodope mountains in Southern Bulgaria. Seven of the Jews were killed and the remainder were arrested, the broadcast reported.

BELGIAN UNDERGROUND CIRCULATING INSTRUCTIONS ON ASSISTING JEWS TO ESCAPE DEPORTATION

NEW YORK, July 1.(JTA)-- An amazing circular detailing specific means by which Belgian Christians can prevent Jews from being seized by the Gestapo and deported to Poland is being distributed to provincial committees of the Belgian underground by the central body of the Underground Front of Liberation, it is reported today by the Belgian Information Center here.

The circular, a copy of which has been received through the underground by the Belgian Government-in-Exile in London, makes the following suggestions:

"1. Inform everyone about the crimes committed against the Jews. The kept press is silent. Only the population of a few big cities knows what is going on. The occupier is afraid of the people's wrath. This wrath must be aroused by letting every Belgian know what is happening in Brussels, Antwerp, Charleroi, Ghent, etc.

"2. Help the Jews resist raids. Leave your apartment when raids are on, start a street fight against the Gestapo agents. When riots break out, actively intervene to aid the Jews to resist and escape.

"3. Help the Jews to hide. Distribute the Jews among the non-Jewish population. Attempt to find non-Jewish families who will agree to house free or for a minimum sum one or several Jewish children, or possibly there is a child preventorium, nursery, boarding school or convent which would agree to house Jewish children. Find families who will agree to reserve a room for a Jewish sub-lessee. Look for hotels willing to take one to four Jewish boarders without registering them. Investigate institutions in the community (hospitals, asylums, convents) that might agree to shelter Jews. Look for well-to-do families who would agree to take a Jewish servant. Look for small businesses or farms that would be willing to take Jewish workers."

The circular warns that the Gestapo is preparing to deport the entire Jewish population of Belgium, and that these Jews face certain death in Poland. It also relates some of the atrocities that have been inflicted upon Jews both in Poland and at the Mechlin camp in Belgium to which they are sent before being deported, and stresses that "time is short, everything possible must be done to save them."

The circular concludes with the following advice to the Jews: "Save your life by hiding. If you are unable to do so, then resist raids by force. Barricade yourselves in your homes. Arouse your neighbors. Snatch the arms from the Gestapo brutes and strike them down like dogs. By resisting your fate could not be worse than if you allow yourself to be taken to the slaughter house of Poland."

MANHATTAN ELECTS 28 DELEGATES TO AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE; UNKNOWN HEADS LIST

NEW YORK, July 1.(JTA)-- The American Jewish Conference today announced that 28 delegates to the Conference have been elected from Manhattan, headed by Rabbi Bernard Bergman, representing the Yeshiva Mesifita Rabbi Solomon Kluger, who received the largest number of votes. In second place was Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The number of votes received by Rabbi Bergman came as a surprise since he is not well known in Jewish circles here.

The delegates elected, in the order of votes received, are as follows: Rabbi Bergman, Dr. Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Joseph Tennenbaum, Mrs. Joseph Hammerman, Judge Nathan D. Perlman, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Benjamin Winter, Mrs. Moses Epstein, Louis Fabricant, Herbert S. Sussman, Harry M. Wessel, Haim Greenberg, Carl Sherman, Jacob Fishman, Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, Herman Z. Quittman, Rabbi Harold J. Meshioff, Herman Hoffman, Louis Segal, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Isaac Hamlin, David Wertheim, Herman Stern, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Rabbi Jacob Hoffman and Teddy Cohen.

ADMISSION OF EUROPEAN JEWS AS VISITORS "FOR THE DURATION" ASKED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 1.(JTA)-- A strong plea for admission into the United States of a "reasonable number" of European refugees as visitors for the duration of the war was made in the House today by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York.

Rep. Celler based his argument on an editorial published in the New York Post of June 21, which he read into the Congressional Record. The editorial, entitled "Can We Do Less?" pointed out that 40,000 Nazi and Fascist soldiers have been brought to this country as prisoners of war and are being well cared for here. It asked whether Hitler's victims were not entitled to at least equal humanitarian consideration.

Supporting the Post's proposal, Celler pointed out that without any change in immigration laws, it would be possible to bring a large number of refugees here temporarily and then moved to permanent homes that will be available for them in other countries after the war.

"Twenty-two nations have declared war on Germany," said Celler. "High ranking nationals of all of them have issued pious protestations against Nazi massacres of Jews and other victims, but not one of those countries so far has said it would be willing to accept as refugees any of those trying to escape the Hitler prison and slaughter house. Goebbels says: 'They won't take any Jews, we don't want them, let's kill them.' Without any change in our immigration statutes, we could receive, as visitors, a reasonable number of those who are fortunate enough to escape the Nazi hell-house. They could be placed in camps and cantonments and held there until after the war."

Celler said he had definite knowledge that private charitable agencies and a number of wealthy individuals would, if necessary, defray all the costs of such a plan, including transportation, so that it would cost the government nothing. "We house and maintain Nazi prisoners, many of whom are undoubtedly responsible for Nazi atrocities. We should do no less for the victims of the rage of the Nazis," he added.

If refugees from neutral countries were brought here, he said, it would relieve the pressure there and permit those nations to accept other escaping refugees who now have no place to go, Celler pointed out. Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and British South Africa were among the possible permanent post-war havens for refugees if they were brought here now on a temporary basis, he said. Officials of all those countries have indicated willingness to accept refugees after the war, he declared, adding: "The hangman doesn't wait. We should take them in now. Such action on our part would have an electrifying effect on the whole situation, and particularly on the underground movement in Nazi-dominated Europe."

RUSSIA HELPED 1,750,000 JEWS TO ESCAPE NAZIS, SAYS JAMES N. ROSENBERG

NEW YORK, July 1.(JTA)-- "Russia has saved over ten times as many Jews from Nazi extermination as all the rest of the world put together," James N. Rosenberg, American Jewish leader, declared here today in an address of welcome which he delivered at a reception given at the Astor Hotel to Solomon Mikhoels and Itzik Feffer, the Jewish cultural delegation from Russia. The reception was attended by several hundred representatives of various Jewish organizations.

Emphasizing that he based his estimate of those saved on facts gathered by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Mr. Rosenberg quoted the organization's journal as reporting that "of some 1,750,000 Jews who succeeded in escaping the Axis since the outbreak of hostilities, about 1,600,000 were evacuated by the

Soviet Government from Eastern Poland and subsequently occupied Soviet territory and transported far into the Russian interior and beyond the Urals. About 160,000 others managed to reach Palestine, the United States, and other countries beyond the seas."

"We Jews," Mr. Rosenberg said, "rightly give thanks for the innumerable resolutions of sympathy for Jews, adopted by well-meaning men and groups horrified by the hideous tragedy which has befallen our people. Russia has chosen deeds. She has given life, asylum, bread, and shelter to a vast Jewish population. These facts are not sufficiently known. To make them known to every Jew in this country is a task of supreme importance for the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief. Need I ask what would have happened to those Jews had Russia left them where they were?"

Wants Palestine Restrictions Lifted; Hopes Russia Will Admit More Jews

Commenting on Jewish life in Russia in 1926, when, as chairman of the Agro-Joint, he visited the Jewish colonies there, Mr. Rosenberg said that "a world which prays for a just and durable peace has a big lesson to learn from Russia's treatment of minorities."

"Let us take a global glimpse," he continued, "Palestine's low ceiling for Jewish immigration must and will be lifted. To that end the Jews must strive. But even so, Palestine cannot alone solve the problem of the Jews of Europe. As for the rest of the world, when thirty-two nations were convened at Evian by that great humanitarian, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to give help to refugees, only that generous little nation, the Dominican Republic, offered asylum for a substantial number. What since then? The Bermuda Conference? The least said the better. Nevertheless we still look to the Western Hemisphere, many of whose lands are underpopulated. The after war world will tell a new story."

"Weighed down as we have been by the unparalleled sufferings of European Jewry, we turn also to that vast and gallant country, Soviet Russia whose man power has spilled its life blood on the field of battle; will it perhaps replenish some of its lost man power with Jews of Europe? There is a land where anti-Semitism is a crime against the State, where human beings are actually given an equal chance in life, whatever the color of their hair or skin, the shape of their noses, the slant of their eyes. That is what we Jews ask of the world, not for ourselves alone but for all men and as a sine qua non for world peace."

OVER 1,000 PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN PLEDGE REMOVAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM FROM TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, July 1.(JTA)-- More than 1,000 Protestant ministers, bishops, and presidents of theological seminaries have pledged themselves to remove anti-Semitic references from religious teachings and textbooks, it was announced today by the Protestant, a nondenominational publication.

The work of the Textbook Commission to Eliminate Anti-Semitic Statements from Textbooks was endorsed at the same time by the 1,012 clergymen. The purposes of this commission, as outlined by Kenneth Leslie, editor of the Protestant, is to "speak a word of counsel to those responsible in any way for the injection of suggestive and provocative statements in books used for the teaching of democratic youth."