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JEWS AND NAZI SOLDIERS BATTLE IN TRANSNISTRIA; CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, July 5.(JTA)-- Fights between Jews and Nazi soldiers in the city of Mohilev-Podolsk, Transnistria, with casualties on both sides, are reported today to have taken place when German soldiers maltreated a unit of about 1,000 Jews which had been driven to forced labor in German-held territory on the Russian front.

The city, which is the capital of the section of the Ukraine under Rumanian administration, is also the central point from which the Rumanian authorities send able-bodied Jews deported from Rumania to Transnistria to forced labor. At present, the report reveals, the Rumanian authorities in Transnistria are "lending" many of the deported Rumanian Jews to the Nazi military authorities for work in the part of the Ukraine administered by Germans. These Jews are grouped in special formations and sent to build roads under Nazi supervision in the devastated sections of the Ukraine.

The deportation of Rumanian Jews from Transnistria to regions in the Ukraine further east which are under German administration started last week with 3,500 Jews from the city of Zhmerinka and 500 Jews from Mohilev-Podolsk being the first to go, the report states. They were driven to the city of Tulchin from where they were despatched in units to various Nazi-held towns on the Russian front. The second group of 1,000 Jews, the ones who are reported to have resisted the Nazis, was taken from the Mohilev-Podolsk ghetto for shipment to unknown destinations closer to the front.

Rumania Tightens Rules Affecting Jewish Forced Labor

Stricter regulations affecting Jews in the compulsory labor service were placed in effect last week in the sections of Rumania where Jews are still permitted to reside. The Nazi newspaper Bukarester Tageblatt reports that the Rumanian authorities in Bucharest announced that privileges given certain categories of Rumanian Jews have now been withdrawn because of "wholesale Jewish sabotage of their labor duty."

The paper discloses that the privileges may be restored "if improvement occurs within sixty days." Should the situation not change, however, the Rumanian Government is determined to take even more severe action against Jews in the labor service, the paper writes.

MUSSOLINI URGED TO DEPORT ALL JEWS FROM ITALY TO NAZI-HELD POLAND

LONDON, July 5.(JTA)-- A plan providing for the deportation of all Jews from Italy to Nazi-held Poland has been submitted to Mussolini by the secretariat of the Fascist Party as a result of the fear of Allied landings on Italian soil, it is reported in the London press today.

The report, coming from Turkey, says that Mussolini has been urged to intern all Jews in special concentration camps in Lombardy if it is impossible to transport them to Poland. It is believed that the German military authorities in Italy are behind the proposal. More than 50,000 Italian Jews and about 20,000 Jewish refugees would be affected.

ALLIES URGED TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON THEIR OBJECTIVES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 5.(JTA)-- A demand that the United Nations, especially the United States and England, issue a joint statement concerning their objectives in Palestine and Syria in order to make clear their attitude on the Jewish problem in Palestine as well as on the proposed formation of a union of Arab countries, is voiced in an article published in the current issue of the London Economist, leading British weekly newspaper dealing with economic problems of the British Empire.

The article points out that the Allies cannot afford "to allow the situation to deteriorate" in Palestine and Syria since these two countries may form part of the springboard for the next Allied attack. It emphasizes that not even Jewish moderates are prepared to accept the White Paper policy which would place Jewish immigration to Palestine at the discretion of the Arabs after next Spring.

The article declares that the suggestion of a bi-national state in Palestine, which has been put forth by Dr. Judah L. Magnes and the Ichud Party, offers a basis for an Anglo-American agreement concerning policing of the country and the question of an Arab federation in which the present Jewish population would be safeguarded and future Jewish expansion provided for. It adds that Magnes' views are receiving more attention in Washington than demands for a Jewish Army and a Jewish Commonwealth.

Sir Ronald Storrs, former governor of Jerusalem, writing in the Sunday Times yesterday on the same subject, stated that "Syria and Palestine have formed one country for centuries. They have been subjected to policies which were widely unpopular among the vast majority of the population. Palestine has undergone the ordeal of investigations by commissions of experts in everything but Palestine." Sir Ronald declares that the attention of the Syrian Arabs is focused at present on whether the Arab National Committee in Palestine will be allowed to reform and on developments in the Pan-Arab federation scheme. Discussing federation, Sir Ronald writes that the Christian Arabs, especially the Maronites in Syria, are not in favor of anything more than an economic union with the surrounding Moslem world.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN AMSTERDAM STILL FUNCTIONING; ALL JEWISH HOMES IN MACEDONIA SEIZED

STOCKHOLM, July 5.(JTA)-- Contrary to previous reports in the Nazi press that all Jews in Holland had already been deported or imprisoned, information reaching here today discloses that the process of making Holland "judenrein" has not yet been completed. Mass-deportations of Jews from Amsterdam have taken place, but the Jewish Council in Amsterdam is still functioning though its offices have been removed to new quarters.

The German radio today reported that Nazi authorities in Macedonia have established a special office to administer the property confiscated from Jews or abandoned by deported Jews. The Nazi Governor in Macedonia has announced that all Jewish dwellings are considered the property of the occupation authorities, and will be used to house German refugees and war victims as well as state employees.

JEWISH REFUGEES AMONG POLES ARRIVING IN MEXICO FROM IRAN; WILL BE SETTLED BY OFRRO

MEXICO CITY, July 5.(JTA)-- Twenty-six Jews are among the first group of Polish refugees to arrive here from Iran, it was learned today. The refugees are to be settled in agricultural colonies under the supervision of the Lehman Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations.

BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES BREAKS 65-YEAR OLD AGREEMENT WITH ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION

LONDON, July 5.(JTA)-- The Board of Deputies of British Jews, leading Jewish representative body in England, at its annual meeting last night voted to discontinue its agreement with the Anglo-Jewish Association, which was founded in 1871 to obtain protection for oppressed Jews in Eastern Europe, and to reorganize the Joint Foreign Committee which was set up in 1878, with seven representatives of the Board of Deputies and three from the Anglo-Jewish Association as its membership.

The decision to break the 65-year old agreement came as a result of a demand introduced by the Zionist members of the Board. It was adopted after lengthy discussions by 154 votes to 148. Those opposing the break denied the Zionist charge that the Anglo-Jewish Association had adopted an "isolationist" policy with regard to Palestine and that the Joint Foreign Committee in its present form has been fighting the proposal that a Jewish army be established in Palestine. Those advocating the break argued that the Anglo-Jewish Association was nothing but a small semi-philanthropic body.

Leonard Stein and Leonard G. Montefiore who were among the opponents of the break appealed to the meeting to take into consideration the fact that severance of the agreement may make a bad impression upon the British Government as well as on the foreign governments before whom Jewish delegations appear in behalf of British Jewry. After voting to break the agreement, the meeting of the Board adopted a motion offered by the Zionist leader L. Baketansky, providing for the election of a Foreign Affairs Committee of fifteen members which is to be presided over by Prof. Selig Brodetsky who was re-elected president of the Board.

BRITISH JEWS SEND CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SIKORSKI; JEWISH AGENCY MOURNS CAZALET

LONDON, July 5.(JTA)-- Condolences on the death of Polish Premier Wladyslaw Sikorski were expressed today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews in a message sent to Acting Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk. Premier Sikorski was killed when the plane in which he was returning to London from an inspection tour of Polish troops in the Middle East crashed into the sea off Gibraltar. The World Jewish Congress also sent a message of condolences to Mr. Mikolajczyk.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine at the same time voiced its "deep grief" at the death of Major Victor Cazalet, Conservative M.P., who was travelling with Sikorski. The Agency issued a statement describing Cazalet as "a true friend and an undaunted fighter for the Jewish people and Zionism, who had always shown a keen interest in Jewish achievements in Palestine."

Weizmann Arrives in London From United States

LONDON, July 5.(JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has arrived in London after a stay of several months in the United States.

U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY MARKED BY TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY; AMERICAN CONSUL PRESENT

TEL AVIV, July 5.(JTA)-- High-ranking American and British civil and military authorities were among the dignitaries present yesterday at a large garden party arranged by the Tel Aviv municipality to mark American Independence Day. Among the guests was Lowell C. Pinkerton, U.S. Consul-General in Palestine. American, British and Zionist national anthems were sung.

U.S. MAY INTERVENE TO SECURE RESTORATION OF CREMIEUX DECREE, N.Y. TIMES PREDICTS

NEW YORK, July 5.(JTA)-- A prediction that the State Department may intervene with the French Committee of Liberation to secure the restoration of the Cremieux Decree which was abrogated by Gen. Henri Giraud, thus restoring citizenship to the native Jews of Algeria, is made in an article in the New York Times by Edwin L. James, managing editor of the paper,

Pointing out that last March, when Gen. Giraud abrogated the Cremieux Decree, the State Department defended his action, Mr. James writes:

"It is understood that the State Department has now changed its mind and reached the conclusion that the move was a mistake. It is further understood that the United States Government would like to see a change by which citizenship would be restored to the Algerian Jews."

The article emphasizes that now that the battle of North Africa has been won and the French Committee of Liberation has taken over, "it would be no surprise if in the fairly near future the committee considered the matter of reinstating the Cremieux decree's provisions, thus giving back to the Algerian Jews the citizenship which Giraud took away some five months ago."

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER GETS PETITION ASKING URGENT AID FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, July 5.(JTA)-- A petition signed by 253,000 adult Jews and 59,000 children in Palestine, asking for urgent Allied action to save the Jews in occupied Europe, was presented to High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael today by Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council. The signatures were gathered during a special day of mourning last month when tables were set up in the streets of the principal cities.

Copies of the petition were also cabled to the Jewish Agency office in London and to the World Jewish Congress in New York, with the request that the British and American Governments be notified of its contents and urged to take action as suggested in the petition.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE AWARDS HONORARY DEGREES; ADJUSTS GRADUATION TO WAR TIME NEEDS

CINCINNATI, July 5.(JTA)-- Ten rabbis who in peace time would have been graduated next June, were ordained at the Hebrew Union College last Saturday and will replace rabbis who have left their pulpits to serve in the armed forces as chaplains.

Honorary Doctorates of Hebrew Letters were awarded to Professor Louis Ginzberg of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, on his seventieth birthday, as "the outstanding Jewish scholar of this generation," and to Roger Williams Strauss, New York, past president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Honorary Doctorates of Divinity were conferred on four alumni: Rabbi Isaac Landman, editor in chief of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, director of the Academy of Adult Jewish Education, minister of Temple Beth Elohim, Brooklyn; Dr. Nathan Krass, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, New York; Rabbi Harold F. Reinhart, Barton Street Synagogue, London, and Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg, a leader in civic reform in Kansas City. Academic Doctorates in Hebrew Letters were awarded to Rabbi Theodore S. Ross, Brooklyn, and Rabbi Lou H. Silberman, Jr., San Francisco, of the faculty.