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SWEDEN SENDS RELIEF TO JEWISH CHILDREN IN POLAND AND OCCUPIED RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, July 11.(JTA)-- The Swedish Society for Children's Relief today announced that it will spend 150,000 Kronen for the relief of Jewish children in Nazi-held Europe, chiefly in Poland and in the occupied part of Russia.

German papers reaching here today publish official data on the population of Kiev compiled by the Nazi authorities there. The data indicates that not a single Jew remains in Kiev at present. About 150,000 Jews resided there prior to the outbreak of the war.

POLISH GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS BY JEWS OF NAZI ATROCITIES IN POLAND

LONDON, July 11.(JTA)-- The Polish Ministry of Information today made public the eye-witness accounts of two Jewish women who succeeded in escaping from Poland at the end of 1942. The first report relates details of the Nazi massacres of Jews and the Jewish deportations. The second describes the life of the Jews under the Nazis for more than three years in an unnamed Polish town.

The stories related by these women are considered of such importance that the organ of the Polish Government, Polish Review, today devotes its entire issue to them. Their publication coincides with an appeal issued by twenty-eight Polish organizations in England asking the English-speaking nations to take urgent measures to halt the mass-extirmination of Jews and Poles in occupied Poland. The appeal proposes that Germany be warned that the execution of Jews and Poles will be followed in each case by total destruction from the air of specially designated townships in the Reich.

REMNANTS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED FOREIGN JEWS IN SLOVAKIAN CAMP EXECUTED

GENEVA, July 11.(JTA)-- Sixty-two foreign-born Jews confined in a labor camp at Vyhne, Slovakia - all that remained of several hundred sent there three years ago - have been killed, according to information reaching here today.

The Jews, most of whom were Belgian nationals, were sent to the camp originally, pending their return home, the report said. When the Nazis invaded the Low Countries, in 1940, making their repatriation impossible, the Vyhne camp, which had been merely an internment center, was converted into a labor camp.

In the intervening three years, the conditions of labor, lack of food, and wretched sanitary and health facilities took a heavy toll of the internees. The report does not indicate why the Slovakian authorities decided at this time to have the camp survivors executed.

GERMAN PRESS ASKS STRICTER ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES BY JAPAN IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

ZURICH, July 11.(JTA)-- The Japanese occupation authorities were urged today by the German press to officially introduce anti-Jewish measures in the Japanese-occupied colonies in Dutch East Indies, the German news agency Transocean reported from Berlin.

The Nazi agency quoted the Koelnische Zeitung, one of the leading daily newspapers in the Reich, as stating that Jews still possess interests in rubber and sugar plantation in the Japanese-held Dutch East Indies, and "recommending" that sweeping legislation be issued by Japan "to make Jewish activities in oil, rubber and sugar impossible in occupied territories."

FRICTION AMONG ZIONISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA LEADS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BODY

JOHANNESBURG, July 11.(JTA)-- The formation of an Association of Non-Party Zionists, composed of Jews sympathetic to Zionist aims but who are not members of any wing of the Zionist Party, was announced here today as a result of friction within Zionist ranks in South Africa.

Eleven members of the executive of the South African Zionist Federation simultaneously issued a call urging all General Zionist societies to join the newly-formed Association. On the other hand, the Zionist Laborites and the Mizrahi indicated today that they oppose the Association. They charge the new body aims at breaking up the existing Zionist groups and establishing "a one-party system of totalitarian character."

CAIRO JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTS RENE CATTAGI AS PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED FATHER

CAIRO, July 11.(JTA)-- Rene Cattagi Bey has been elected president of the Cairo Jewish Community to succeed his late father, Joseph Cattagi, it was announced here today. Mr. Cattagi is the only Jewish member of the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies. His father, at different times, held the posts of Minister of Finance and Minister of Communications in the Egyptian Government. The new president is 47.

JEWISH YOUTHS IN BRITAIN SPENDING VACATION HARVESTING VITAL FOOD SUPPLIES

LONDON, July 11.(JTA)-- Many thousands of Jewish workers and young people will be spending their vacations in harvesting camps arranged under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, and in this way will be assisting in the war effort by helping to harvest the crops, it was announced here today.

A number of Jewish organizations, including university students affiliated with the Agudas Israel and Mizrahi organizations, are arranging special camps where the local authorities will facilitate the Sabbath observance and the supply of kosher food. A large number of refugees have been given permission to assist in this effort.

TEACHERS MUST COMBAT RACIAL ANTAGONISM IN U.S. SCHOOLS, SAYS EDUCATOR

NEW YORK, July 11.(JTA)-- In wartime it is necessary to "put major stress on those human and cultural interests that are distinctive in a democracy and essential to all America," in order to combat the racial antagonism that is being reflected in schoolrooms throughout America as a result of the Nazi racial philosophy, it was stated yesterday by Dr. Stewart Cole, director of the Bureau of Intercultural education.

Speaking at a conference on elementary schools in wartime, at Teachers College of Columbia University, Dr. Cole said that one of the major tasks of teachers today is to combat this philosophy of bigotry.

HARRY GREENSTEIN JOINS STAFF OF OFFICE OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

BALTIMORE, July 11.(JTA)-- At the request of Herbert H. Lehman, director of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, has been granted a year's leave of absence to assist in the planning of welfare programs in the office of the OFFRR, it was announced here today.

Mr. Greenstein will serve as general consultant in the Division of Program and Requirements and will help to develop plans dealing with mass problems of relief in the liberated areas. Upon confirmation by the State Department, Mr. Greenstein will immediately assume his new duties.

Mr. Greenstein has a broad background of knowledge and experience in the field of social welfare. From 1933 to 1936 he served as Maryland's first State Relief Administrator, and helped to lay the ground-work of the present public-welfare system in the state. In 1934 he was appointed C.W.A. administrator by Harry L. Hopkins. He was one of the founders of the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies and was its President for a period of five years. In 1939 he was called to New York to make a study of the refugee agencies which resulted in the creation of the National Refugee Service, Inc. During the past year he has been serving as Regional Evacuation Officer of the O.C.D. He has also served as national president of the American Association of Social Workers, and of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY LAUDS A.Z.A. FOR HOLDING ANNUAL CONVENTION BY MAIL

WASHINGTON, July 11.(JTA)-- Emphasizing that the war must bring about a definite recognition of the rights of minorities, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., today congratulated Aleph Zadik Aleph, the B'nai B'rith youth organization, for its decision to hold its annual convention by mail this year.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter addressed to William V. Suckle, national president of the A.Z.A., estimated that this decision will result in conserving for essential military purposes approximately 1,000,000 passenger miles of vital transportation space. He lauded it as an example of voluntary participation in the country's war effort.

"In a profound sense this war is a struggle for the youth of the world," Mr. Morgenthau said. "The outcome of this war will determine for years to come whether youth is to remain free -- free to develop its own potentialities, free to express its own creative talents, free to grow up to be thoughtful, mature men -- or whether youth is to be denied its birthright and forced to goose-step to the whim of some power-crazed tyrant. There can be no doubt as to which side in this terrible conflict has the best interests of youth at heart.

"But there is another sense in which this war is a struggle for youth. I am thinking now of Jewish youth -- and the youth of all other minorities. The long, bitter history of the oppression of minorities is proof that majorities may often be tyrannical. This war must not end only with the recognition of the rights of majorities; it must end with a corresponding recognition of the rights of minorities. A genuine democracy recognizes the intrinsic worth and dignity of the individual; it encourages difference, variety, and uniqueness; it puts its faith in intelligence."