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CESSATION OF ARMY ORDERS IN PALESTINE THREATENS COUNTRY WITH ECONOMIC DEPRESSION

JERUSALEM, July 13.(JTA)-- The opening of the Mediterranean, permitting transportation of supplies from England to Palestine, has resulted in less army orders for Palestine industry and threatens the Jews in Palestine with economic depression and with unemployment, a Jewish delegation informed the Palestine High Commissioner today.

The delegation, representing the Palestine Industrial Association, asked the Palestine Government to take steps to open new markets in neighboring countries for Palestine goods. At the same time the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, opened its 50th semi-annual convention tonight, at which it will discuss, among other things, the threatened economic crisis in the country and how organized Jewish labor can prepare to meet it.

An advisory committee composed of persons named by the Jewish National Council and by the Jewish Agency is now being organized in connection with the decision adopted this week by the Zionist Actions Committee not to cooperate with the Palestine Government in its post-war reconstruction plan as long as it is based on the policy of the White Paper under which Jewish immigration to Palestine is to be halted next year. The Jewish Agency will have the final word in deciding the tactics of non-cooperation.

RUMANIA STARTS DEPORTING JEWS TO ODESSA; GHETTOS IN OTHER CITIES CROWDED

GENEVA, July 13.(JTA)-- Groups of Jewish deportees continue to arrive in the city of Mohilev, the administrative center of Transnistria, the Rumanian-held section of the occupied Ukraine, it is disclosed in information reaching here today from Bucharest. The Rumanian authorities have also started deporting small groups of Jews to Odessa, the report reveals.

At present, the report says, there are about 12,000 Jews in Mohilev crowded into a few buildings of the devastated city, with an average of fifteen persons to one room. Many of the Jews there are being transported further east to the Russian front, but they are immediately replaced by new arrivals from various section of Rumania.

A similar situation exists in the city of Balta, in Transnistria, where about 4,000 Jews are confined in a ghetto restricted to a few small streets. Sanitary conditions are so bad that the Rumanian authorities have consented to enlarge the ghetto, the report declares.

In the city of Bershad there are now about 9,000 Jewish deportees from Rumania. There are about 7,000 deportees in the city of Goltz where they are held in two ghettos and in one labor camp, the report estimates.

SEVERAL HUNDRED FRENCH JEWS DEPORTED FROM AIX-LES-BAINS TO POLAND

GENEVA, July 13.(JTA)-- Several hundred French Jews belonging to old families were reported today to have been deported last week from Aix-les-Bains and other localities in the Savoy department of France. They are believed to have been sent to the Lublin region of Poland.

CITY OF QUEBEC EXPROPRIATES SITE WHERE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS BUILDING SYNAGOGUE

QUEBEC, Canada, July 13.(JTA)-- The City of Quebec today served notice that it planned to expropriate a site on which a synagogue is being erected by the Jewish community. The notice, returnable within ten days in Superior Court, stated that the site was needed for an extension to Lockwell Park.

"The action is a most flagrant assault on freedom of worship and the civic right to erect a house of worship for the citizens of Jewish faith," M. Caiserman, general secretary of the Canadian Jewish Congress, declared. "Never before in the history of our country has this right been so openly or so unashamedly suppressed or challenged."

City Attorney Benoit Pelletier, in explaining the action of the municipality, said that a few weeks ago the city council adopted a motion to purchase the site for \$25,000, but representatives of the Jewish community said that they could only accept the offer if another site of their choice was provided.

The site was acquired in 1941. Shortly after its purchase, the Quebec city council, acting under pressure from anti-Jewish elements, passed a regulation forbidding the building of houses of worship in that section of the city. The regulation was tested in court and the case was dismissed. The Jewish community, composed of 109 Jewish families, went ahead with its project and foundation work is now near completion. "We are ready to contest the notice of expropriation to the end," S. Lazarovitz, attorney for the Jewish congregation, stated after the notice was served.

Anti-Semites Bent on Preventing Jews from Building House of Worship

The issue goes back to 1932 when the Jewish community of Quebec decided to build a synagogue in the section of the city where most of the Jews reside. A lot was then acquired for this purpose. The French Catholic population, however, objected to having a synagogue in the neighborhood. The city council then adopted an ordinance prohibiting the building of non-residential edifices in that section of the city, thus preventing the Jews from erecting the synagogue.

The Jewish community then sold the land and acquired another site after securing permission from the town planning commission to build a synagogue there. Members of a neighboring Catholic church, however, started a movement to bar the Jews from building their synagogue on the new site and submitted a petition with 10,000 signatures to the city council.

The issue became one of the major controversies in the city with Protestants siding with the Jews. The Jewish community, realizing that anti-Semitic elements were seeking to exploit the situation, decided to postpone building the synagogue until a time when it could not be utilized by political propagandists. In 1942, when it was believed that the reactionary elements in the city had given up their anti-Jewish and Fascist activities, at least for the duration of the war, the Jews decided to start construction work on the site. Immediately, the city council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of houses of worship in the neighborhood. Later the city council approached the Jews and offered to buy the land and use it as an extension to Lockwell Park. The offer was rejected when the municipality refused to give assurances that another site suitable for a synagogue would be provided.

HUNGARIAN "CHAMBER OF ACTORS" CONSPIRES TO BAR JEWS FROM EMPLOYMENT

ZURICH, July 13.(JTA)-- The Hungarian "Chamber of Actors," to which all performers must belong in order to obtain employment, has reached an agreement with the managers of all theaters providing for the exclusion of Jewish actors and other Jewish employees, it is reported in the Budapest newspaper, "Nepszava," received here today.

At the same time, the chamber is circularizing its members, asking them to send in detailed reports of their employment for the past three years. Those members who can not show that they have been consistently employed during that period will be dropped from the chamber, the paper says. By this device the chamber will be able to "legally" exclude all of its Jewish members.

PALESTINE TO PRINT HEBREW BIBLE FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

JERUSALEM, July 13.(JTA)-- The first Bible in Hebrew characters ever to be printed in Palestine will be issued here soon, it was disclosed today by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University.

Palestine, the land in which most of the Bible was written, has never produced a version printed in Hebrew since the Jews had been dispersed many centuries before the invention of printing. The first section of the Bible to be printed in Hebrew characters was published at Bologna, Italy, in 1477.

Revealing that preparations are now under way at the University for the casting and setting of the type, Dr. Magnes said that the University press association's purpose is "to publish an accepted text with scrupulous fidelity to every detail and to follow the Jewish tradition in all minutiae." Printing the Bible in Hebrew involves a tremendous undertaking since the entire volume must be set by hand.

DR. WEIZMANN MOURNS CAZALET AS "ONE OF FEW PRECIOUS FRIENDS OF JEWISH PEOPLE"

LONDON, July 13.(JTA)-- In his first public appearance since his return from the United States, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organization, today paid tribute to the late Major Victor Cazalet, who died in the plane crash that took the life of Polish Premier Sikorski.

Speaking at memorial ceremonies arranged by the Jewish Agency office here, Dr. Weizmann described Major Cazalet as "one of the few precious friends of the Jewish people in modern times who never was moved from his devotion to the (Zionist) cause." Major Cazalet's grave at Gibraltar will be a place of pilgrimage for the Jewish people, Dr. Weizmann concluded. Many members of parliament and Major Cazalet's family attended the ceremonies.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL ADDRESS PARLEY ON RESCUING JEWS FROM NAZI EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 13.(JTA)-- Sir Norman Angell, British Nobel Prize winner, Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce and Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., will be the principal speakers at the first session of the Emergency Conference to Save the Jews of Europe, which opens at the Hotel Commodore here on Tuesday evening, July 20, it was announced today.

The conference is being arranged by the Committee for a Jewish Army and the Sponsoring Committee of the Proclamation on the Moral Rights of Stateless and Palestinian Jews.