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NAZIS IMPORT JEWS FROM POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO CLEAR BOMBED REICH CITIES

LONDON, July 23.(JTA)-- The German military authorities have imported thousands of Jews from Czechoslovakia and Poland for forced labor clearing the debris in Reich cities bombed by the American and British air forces, according to a report from Stockholm reaching here today.

Many trainloads of Jews, the report states, were brought to the Reich from the fortress prison of Terezin in Czechoslovakia, where the Nazis have confined an estimated fifty or sixty thousand Czech and German Jews. Other thousands were taken from the few remaining ghettos in Poland, the report adds. Most of the Jews are being put to work in the cities of Cologne, Essen and Dusseldorf, it discloses.

Another report from Stockholm reaching here estimates that there are still about 30,000 Jews remaining in Lithuania. The report does not disclose where these Jews are living or any other details.

JAPANESE REPORTED TO HAVE IMPOSED SPECIAL "WAR TAXES" ON JEWS IN PHILIPPINES

ZURICH, July 23.(JTA)-- The Japanese occupation administration in the Philippine Islands has imposed a special "war tax" on all Jews, according to a report appearing in the "Deutsche Beobachter in Asien," a copy of which was received here today.

The German report states that "wealthy" Jews, who own real estate and big business concerns will be forced to surrender fifty percent of their holdings. Other Jews will be obliged to pay a tax equivalent to one-third the value of all their possessions.

The Jews have been given until the end of the year to pay, the publication discloses, adding that those unable to pay the levy by then will have their possessions sold at auction to satisfy the tax. (According to the most recent statistics available, there are only about 1,500 Jews in the Philippine Islands, 500 of whom are long-time residents and the other 1,000 refugees who settled there since the Nazis came to power.)

It was reported last month that the Japanese had established a ghetto for the Philippine Jews at Manila, because, they charged, the Jews were aiding the guerrillas.

POLES ESTABLISH DEPARTMENT TO BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN POLES AND JEWS IN ARMY

LONDON, July 23.(JTA)-- A special "Jewish" department has been set up in the Polish Defense Ministry by General Marjan Kukiel, Defense Minister, it was officially announced here today.

The new bureau will study the "relations between Jewish soldiers and others in the Polish Army in order to tighten the bonds of comradeship and solidarity between victims of a common foe," the announcement stated. Earlier this week, General Kazmierz Sosnkowski, new Polish Commander-in-Chief, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he planned to follow the policy of the late General Wladyslaw Sikorski, guaranteeing equal rights and no discriminatory treatment to all Jews in the Polish armed forces.

50,000 JEWS CAN BE TAKEN FROM BALKANS MONTHLY, SAYS EMERGENCY RESCUE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 23.(JTA)-- It is potentially possible to transfer 50,000 Jews each month from the Balkan countries to Palestine or any other Mediterranean port in the Middle East without using ships of the United Nations, it was stated today in a report issued by a sub-committee of the Panel on Relief and Transportation of the Emergency Conference to Rescue the Jews of Europe which is meeting at the Hotel Commodore here.

Pointing to the fact that the Mediterranean is now open, the report stated that there are Swedish, Spanish and Portuguese ships available for transporting refugee Jews. In addition, it said, there are many other vessels not equipped for carrying passengers, according to American standards, but which could be utilized if necessary. The panel said that there are probably other ships available in neutral countries, but it was impossible to secure complete information at present.

The panel on Religion of the conference called on American churches to take a more militant stand against anti-Semitism and to act swiftly to save the Jewish people in Nazi-dominated territory whose lives are constantly menaced. The group made plans to form a 20-man committee to persuade the churches into taking what steps they can to fight anti-Semitism. "The churches also must declare that they are not content with government statements of moral principles," the panel report stated. "These principles must be implemented by action, and swift action, so as to save the Jewish people in Nazi-dominated territory, in a constant race against death. A plea also was made for the churches to support the aspirations of the Jews for establishment of a homeland in Palestine, with full political, economic and immigration rights.

The conference will close Sunday night after adopting a series of resolutions based on the recommendations of the various panels.

DE KERRILLIS ATTEMPTS TO LINK DEGAULLISTS WITH ABOGATION OF CREMIEUX LAW

NEW YORK, July 23.(JTA)-- Writing in the French weekly, "Four La Victoire," today, Henri de Kerillis, former French deputy and writer, attempts to link the DeGaullist movement with the anti-Semitic sections of the Algerian population and implies that the DeGaullists were responsible for the abrogation of the Cremieux Law by General Giraud, which took French citizenship from Algerian Jews.

"As to anti-Semitism," (among the DeGaullists), De Kerillis writes, "if it is not apparent in London and New York, it manifests itself in Algiers in the sudden meeting of Gaullism and an anti-Semitic French population. There is an example in the attitude suddenly taken towards the Cremieux Law, which the Gaullists no longer want, or the enforcement of which they have, at all events, delayed two months, after having used it in America as the war-cry of their propaganda against Giraud..."

CIVIC AND COMMUNAL LEADERS GREET SOVIET JEWISH DELEGATION IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, July 23.(JTA)-- Jewish and non-Jewish civic and communal leaders of this city gathered yesterday at a luncheon welcoming Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, the Soviet Jewish delegation now visiting the Jewish communities throughout the nation. Among those present were Mayor Cornelius D. Scully and the British, Yugoslav and Czech consuls. Louis Caplan, prominent local Jewish leader, presided.

Last night Prof. Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Feffer addressed a capacity audience in Carnegie Musical Hall here, to whom they described the tremendous contribution made by Russian Jews to the Soviet war effort.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE MUST BRING UNITY TO AMERICAN JEWRY, SAYS MONSKY

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Emphasizing that the sole objective of the Conference is to arrive at a common program of action to deal with post-war Jewish problems, Monsky said the Conference cannot be dogmatic, doctrinaire or intolerant of views of different viewpoints. He predicted the success of the Conference because "of the awareness of grave responsibility that rests upon every delegate" and stated that he felt sure that a basis of agreement on Palestine will be reached.

Urging the delegates to strive for that which is achievable, Mr. Monsky asserted that the Conference "will not be a propaganda conference but an attempt to synthesize fundamentals of all viewpoints." He stressed the importance of avoiding prejudging the Conference and said that the "welfare of the Jewish people must be the sole motive of every delegate."

U.S. JEWS CONTRIBUTE SIXTY PERCENT OF RECORD J.N.F. COLLECTIONS

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South Africa, Britain, Palestine and Canada, in that order, were the next highest contributors. J.N.F. headquarters also announced that its land holdings now total 652,293 dunams.

Mexican Jews Give \$20,000 to Found Colony in Palestine

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As a result of Mr. Fisher's conferences with local Jewish leaders and with Nathan Bistritsky, special representative of the J.N.F. from Palestine, it was decided to call a Pan-American J.N.F. conference in one of the Latin-American countries. The date and site of the meeting have not yet been decided.

ARMY CHAPLAINS TO BE HONORED AT FORT MEYER CEREMONIES; DR. DE SOLA POOL WILL SPEAK

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