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GERMANS DETERMINED TO OUST ALL JEWS FROM HOLLAND, SAYS UNDERGROUND LEADER

LONDON, July 27.(JTA) -- The Germans in Holland are determined to clear all the Jews from the country and have already succeeded in deporting the majority of them, Jan de Hartog, well known Dutch author and a leader of the underground in the Netherlands told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

De Hartog, who just reached Britain, stated that the deportations of the Jews were carried out without "any elementary human feelings." Jewish patients were dragged from operating tables in hospitals to deportation centers although they were still under the effects of the anesthetic, he reported, and cases are known of women who were arrested while in the throes of childbirth. An old Dutch theatre in Amsterdam, which is used as a clearing house for the deportees, witnessed indescribable scenes, De Hartog said.

In an attempt to discredit the Jewish population in the eyes of their fellow citizens, the Nazis refrain from deporting some wealthy Jews, to whom they point as evidence that "the Jews can buy everything with their money," he disclosed. These and other devices, however, fool no one, the underground leader added, and the Dutch do not miss a single opportunity to demonstrate their sympathy with the Jews. The few remaining Jews are invited to dinner at the homes of their non-Jewish friends and the latter visit the homes of the Jews.

The Nazis are dismantling entire houses in which deported Jews and other Hollanders lived and are sending them, together with all furnishings, to cities in Germany which have been bombed by the Allied air forces, De Hartog revealed. As a result Dutch patriots have added to the placards urging Dutchmen to come to work in Germany the words: "Go to Germany and visit your homes."

POPE INTERVENING FOR ITALIAN JEWS, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN BRITAIN REPORTS

LONDON, July 27.(JTA)-- Although the possibility of any Jews being deported from Italy is believed to have been greatly lessened as a result of Mussolini's fall from power, the Pope is doing everything possible to ensure that no such action is taken, it was indicated here today.

Bishop Godfrey, the Apostolic Delegate in Britain, told a delegation of the Agudas Israel that Pope Pius has intervened for the Jews. His report, the Agudas Israel representatives stated, allayed fears for the safety of the Jews in Italy and especially for a large number of foreign Jews interned at Ferramonte.

Shortly before he abdicated, Mussolini issued an order conscripting all native Italian Jews for forced labor, and reports circulated that he planned to deport alien Jews. These rumors were strengthened by the public statements of high Fascist officials who attacked the Jews and blamed them for the bombing of Rome.

ORT SCHOOLS STILL FUNCTIONING IN FRANCE, HUNGARY; SYNGALOWSKI ASKS AID FROM U.S.

GENEVA, July 27.(JTA)-- Training schools and farms of the ORT, Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training, are still functioning in France and Hungary despite the fact that both countries are under Nazi domination, according to Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, vice-president of the World ORT Union.

In an interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent here, Dr. Syngalowski revealed that although the majority of the ORT workshops for both adults and children have been greatly handicapped as a result of the deportation from France of many instructors and pupils, the organization is continuing to operate 52 technical training schools and farms there. In these schools, he said, large numbers of French and foreign-born Jewish children - mainly from Alsace, Rumania and Hungary - work and are being trained. The French ORT supports students in these schools and also many Jews who are prohibited by the Nazis regulations from working, he added.

In Paris, the ORT leader stated, there are eleven institutions supported by ORT. In these schools, which are housed in three buildings, both men and women, boys and girls work. In one of the houses, which has been placed at the disposal of the ORT by Baron Ginzbourg, the Jewish youths work in two shifts so that as many as possible can be accommodated. All these pupils are fed by the ORT.

In Hungary, the situation of the Jews and of the ORT institutions is much more satisfactory, Dr. Syngalowski stated. Splendid ORT schools are functioning there, he said, which are financed by the Hungarian ORT. In addition, skilled Jewish weavers, tailors and carpenters receive machinery, tools and funds from a special fund established jointly by the ORT and the Budapest Jewish community, enabling them to be self-supporting. The ORT supports seven shops in which young refugees from Yugoslavia are trained and cared for.

Training Workers for Post-War Reconstruction

In Switzerland, Dr. Syngalowski asserted, an entirely different situation exists. He said the chief emphasis of the ORT activities here is on bettering the conditions of the refugees for the present and training skilled workers for post-war reconstruction. ORT shops in Zurich and Basle, he disclosed, repair clothes and shoes for 4,000 Jewish refugees without any charge. In the refugee camps ORT has established 11 workshops and another five shops will be opened shortly in youth camps. Workshops will also be set up soon in two children's homes in Geneva through the joint efforts of the ORT, the local Jewish community and the Federation of Swiss Zionists.

The ORT has petitioned the Swiss Government, Dr. Syngalowski said, for permission to import, duty free, raw materials to be used in refugee work shops to manufacture shoes and clothes for 2,000 refugee children. The International Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross are supporting this proposal. Dr. Syngalowski appealed to the ORT in America and to other organizations to interest themselves in this project so that the refugee children can be clothed through the labor of the refugees themselves.

About 100 Jewish refugee youth, he said, have been placed with Swiss craftsmen where they are being trained to serve as cadres in the Jewish communities of post-war Europe. Another 150 youths are expected to be released from internment camps soon and they also will be placed with Swiss firms and in workshops. Besides these, a group of young Jewish engineers is being trained here to be instructors in ORT schools.

Dr. Syngalowski pointed out that these activities require large expenditures, and, although in view of the situation of the Jews in Europe, the ORT's efforts may seem to bring "terribly little" aid, actually they are laying the groundwork for post-war reconstruction.

SETTLEMENT OF JEWS IN KIMBERLY DISTRICT OF AUSTRALIA OFFICIALLY APPROVED

TORONTO, July 27.(JTA)-- The government of Western Australia has given official approval to a project providing for the establishment of a large scale Jewish settlement in the Kimberly region of the state, it was confirmed today by Dr. O.H. Steinburg, representative of the Free Land League of London who arrived in Canada this week after spending four years in Australia.

In an interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, Dr. Steinburg, who is en route to London, stated that the only obstacle that the project still faces is the failure of the Commonwealth Government to give its approval, as yet, because the Kimberly area is within the theatre of military operations. Wide sections of public opinion, including high church dignitaries, Lord Mayors, heads of universities, chambers of commerce and trade unions are supporting the Kimberly settlement scheme, Dr. Steinburg said.

Two non-Jewish committees, calling themselves the Friends of the Jewish Kimberly Project, have been formed in Melbourne and Sydney to back the plan and to intervene with the proper governmental authorities, he disclosed. Australia as a whole, Dr. Steinburg concluded, has become acutely conscious of the advisability of Jewish colonization in the north-western section of the country, not only from the point of view of aiding Jewish refugees but as a scheme which will benefit the entire nation.

BOMBING OF ROME COINCIDED WITH ANNIVERSARY OF DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 27.(JTA)-- The bombing of Rome, which occurred on the 17th of Tamuz in the Hebrew calendar - which is the day on which the Roman legions opened the siege of Jerusalem which resulted in the destruction of the Holy City three weeks later - was an indication of the will of God and a good omen for victory, according to members of the Kabbalist sect here who recited special prayers today before the Wailing Wall.

In another special service here, fragments of the Wailing Wall which were broken off when the Wall was repaired this past winter were ritually buried in a cave in an ancient Jewish cemetery on Mount Zion.

PALESTINE FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS OPEN CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 27.(JTA)-- A conference of Jewish farmers from all sections of Palestine opened here today to discuss the agricultural, financial and cultural problems of the Jewish Farmers' Associations.

In Jerusalem, the Friends of the Hebrew University opened their annual conference yesterday on the university campus on Mount Scopus. Leaders of Yishuv institutions spoke.

HEROISM OF WARSAW JEWS PRAISED BY BELGIAN SOCIALIST LEADER

LONDON, July 27.(JTA)-- The heroism of the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto who fought the Nazis with their bare hands was praised today by Camille Huysmans, Belgian Socialist leader, at a meeting here to raise funds for the establishment of a colony in Palestine bearing his name. Mr. Huysmans expressed the hope that the new colony "will bring security to the Jewish people after the trials of twenty centuries."