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6. ROOSEVELT WARNS NEUTRALS NOT TO SHELTER WAR CRIMINALS; REITERATES PLEDGE OF PUNISHMENT

WASHINGTON, July 30.(JTA)-- A warning to the neutral nations not to give asylum to Axis leaders and other war criminals and reiteration of his pledge that the persons responsible for the extermination of millions of Jews and other civilians in Europe will be punished were voiced today by President Roosevelt.

In a statement released at his press conference, the President said: "On August 21, 1942, I issued a statement to the press in which, after referring to the crimes against innocent people committed by the Axis powers, I stated:

"The United Nations are going to win this war. When victory has been achieved, it is the purpose of the Government of the United States, as I know it is the purpose of each of the United Nations, to make appropriate use of the information and evidence in respect to the barbaric crimes of the invaders, in Europe and in Asia. It seems only fair that they should have this warning that the time will come when they shall have to stand in courts of law in the very countries which they are now oppressing and answer for their acts."

"On October 7, 1942, I stated that it was 'the intention of this Government that the successful close of the war shall include provisions for the surrender to the United Nations of war criminals.' The wheels of justice have turned constantly since those statements were issued and are still turning. There are now rumors that Mussolini and members of his Fascist gang may attempt to take refuge in neutral territory. One day Hitler and his gang and Tojo and his gang will be trying to escape from their countries. I find it difficult to believe that any neutral country would give asylum or extend protection to any of them.

"I can only say that the Government of the United States would regard the action of a neutral government in affording asylum to Axis leaders or their tools as inconsistent with the principles for which the United Nations are fighting and that the United States Government hopes that no neutral government will permit its territory to be used as a place of refuge or otherwise assist such persons in any effort to escape their just deserts."

SYNAGOGUE IN PALERMO REOPENED BY AMERICAN ARMY; U.S. OFFICERS, MEN ATTEND SERVICES

LONDON, July 30.(JTA)-- The synagogue in Palermo, Sicily, which was closed down after the Jewish population of the city was deported by the Fascist authorities shortly before the Allied invasion, has been reopened by American troops, the London press reports today.

Services were held there this week with an American Jewish chaplain officiating and with scores of Jewish officers and men in attendance.

NAZIS PREPARING TO DEPORT ALL "HALF-JEWS" TO POLAND, SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, July 30.(JTA)-- The Nazis, having almost completely "solved" the Jewish problem in Germany through death and deportation, are now turning their attention to "half-Jews," it is disclosed in a dispatch from the Berlin correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet appearing today.

The correspondent says that a definite plan exists to deport all "half-Jews" of military age to Poland and to sterilize younger ones on the pretext that they have committed some "crime" or another. He adds that the German army is opposed to this plan as it would deprive the Wehrmacht of thousands of soldiers.

There have been many indications recently that the Nazis plan to act against the "half-Jews," the Svenska Dagbladet story states: Regulations pertaining to German nationals have conspicuously omitted all reference to "half-Jews." Many businesses have been classified as "model works" making it impossible for them to employ any persons except pure "Aryans." All "half-Jews" have been barred from institutions of higher education. Local action has been taken to prevent the marriage of "half-Jews" and "Aryans."

At present, the correspondent adds, an order is being drawn up forcing "half-Jews" to don Mogen David badges and declaring them to be "unworthy to bear arms." This last regulation is apparently the one that has aroused consternation in military circles, and has resulted in the publication of an editorial in the army organ "Die Wehrmacht" expressing its displeasure.

PALESTINE JEWS CAN BE DRIVEN TO "DEEDS OF DESPAIR" IF UNJUSTLY TREATED, SAYS SHERTOK

NEW YORK, July 30.(JTA)-- The Jews of Palestine are not "incapable of deeds of despair if driven to extremes of exasperation by a decision to persevere in what is to them a cruelly unjust policy," it was stated in Cairo yesterday by Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, according to a dispatch appearing in the New York Times today.

Mr. Shertok is quoted as saying: "Rumors are current about alleged Jewish intentions to fight out the issue by force. Nothing is further from the thoughts of the Jews than to try to force the issue at all so long as the war lasts - provided no adverse commitments are taken in the meantime-or of ever leaving on their own initiative the path of political negotiations in exchange for direct action. At the same time, realism compels the conclusion that it would be wrong to consider the Jews incapable of deeds of despair if driven to extremes of exasperation by a decision to persevere in what is to them a cruelly unjust policy."

The Jewish Agency political chief pointed out that the Jews in Palestine can make a great contribution to the economic development of the Arab lands of the Near and Middle East, but only if they "feel firmly established in Palestine." The White Paper policy, he said, "must be relegated to the limbo of the appeasement era. A new solution is called for, conceived in a spirit of comprehensive responsibilities and resting upon the leading United Nations."

Touching on the problem of the Jews in Europe after the war and their need for refuge in Palestine, Mr. Shertok stressed that "the question of European Jewry is one connected with the origins of the war and tragically aggravated by its course. It is idle to expect the remnants to feel safe in Europe even after liquidation of the Nazi rule."

SEVEN JEWS ELECTED TO SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT AS ANTI-SEMITIC PARTIES SNOWED UNDER

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 30.(JTA)-- Seven Jewish candidates running for Parliament on the United Party ticket of Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts have been elected in the landslide that snowed under the pro-nationalist anti-Semitic groups, it was announced here today.

Three Jews were elected in Johannesburg, two in Capetown and one in Durban. Six of the victorious candidates are incumbents.

10,000 GREET MIKHOELS AND FEFFER AT CHICAGO MEETING; MAYOR EXTENDS GREETINGS

CHICAGO, July 30.(JTA)-- A capacity audience of 10,000 persons filled the Chicago Arena last night at a meeting to welcome Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer and Prof. Solomon Mikhoels, the Jewish delegation from the Soviet Union. Prominent Jewish leaders addressed the gathering.

Yesterday afternoon Prof. Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Feffer visited the Chicago railroad yards where they inspected carloads of clothing that are being shipped to Russia. The delegation was greeted upon their arrival by Mayor Edward J. Kelly at City Hall, who expressed "the gratitude of all America for the heroic feats of the Red Army."

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR OPENING OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE AT WALDORF-ASTORIA

NEW YORK, July 30.(JTA)-- Definite arrangements have been completed for holding the American Jewish Conference in the auditorium of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel from Sunday, August 29 through Thursday, September 9, it was announced here today. Delegates have been advised to secure accommodations immediately in the Waldorf-Astoria or neighboring hotels.

The executive committee which is organizing the conference revealed that twelve percent of the delegates will be women. They include both those elected in local elections and representatives of national women's organization. The executive committee also announced that the community of Detroit has been granted an additional delegate, bringing its total representation to 10. The new delegate is Fred M. Butzel.

A cablegram from the Jews of Australia has been received by the Conference, expressing good wishes for the success of its deliberations. The cable was signed by Cecil Luber on behalf of the Australian section of the World Jewish Congress.

U.S. JEWISH WAR PRISONERS IN FAR EAST AND EUROPE SENT RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

NEW YORK, July 30.(JTA)-- Bibles, abridged prayer books, Scrolls of the Law, skull caps and mezuzahs are being packed in a local warehouse of the Y.M.C.A. for shipment to American Jewish prisoners of war in the Far East, it was learned here today. These articles have been provided by the Jewish Welfare Board in response to requests from the prison camps which have been transmitted through the War Prisoners Aid.

A shipment of similar articles left New York for Geneva, Switzerland, several weeks ago for distribution among prisoners of war in camps in Europe.