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NAZIS CHARGE SLOVAKIAN JEWS WITH PLANNING REVENGE AGAINST PERSECUTORS

ZURICH, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Nexi newspapers in Slovakia, reaching here today, carry articles charging Slovakian Jews with holding "secret meetings for the purpose of mapping out plans to take revenge in the future."

Admitting, indirectly, that the defeat of the Nazis in Slovakia is expected, the Gardiste, a Slovak newspaper, says that blacklists of "Aryans" persocuting Jews are now being quietly compiled by Jewish groups in Bratislava, Zilinia and Secovee for the "day of reckoning." At the same time, the Grenzbote, official Nazi paper published in Bratislava, complains that the non-Jewish population in Slovakia is becoming more and more friendly towards the Jews. "Rural estates employ more Jews today than ever before," the paper writes. It also discloses that Slovaks are now giving employment to Jews even in "Aryanized" enterprises. The paper werns against relaxation of anti-Jewish measures in the country.

GERMANS USING 14-YEAR OLD JEWISH CHILDREN FOR SLAVE LABOR, ALLIES REPORT

LONDON, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Allied circles today received information revealing that the Nazis are using fourteen-year-old Jewish children for slave labor in Germany as well as in all Nazi-ocoupied territories.

The Jewish youths work under the same severe regulations as Jewish adults, the information revealed. Long hours of hard work, coupled with undernourishment, are taking a heavy toll of the children who are officially denied the protection of the German law covering child labor.

POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL HEARS DEMAND FOR JEWISH RIGHTS IN POST-WAR POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- A statement on what Jews expect from Poland after the war was made in the Polish National Couroil today by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbort, Jewish depúty, in the course of a general debate on the policy of the new Polish Cabinet as outlined by Premier Mikolajosyk.

"The declarations with regard to the rightsof national minorities in Poland which were made by the late Premier Sikorski and which have now been endorsed by Premier Mikolajczyk, must not remain merely on paper but must become a living force," Dr. Schwarzbart stated, "Despite all misunderstandings, it will remain a historical fact that of all national minorities of pre-war Poland, the Jews alone remained faithful to the Polish Republic.

"I do not know how many of the Polish Jews will survive the present tragedy," Dr. Schwarzbart continued, "but there should be no 'Jewish problem' in post-wer Poland. Polish Jewry, through its legitimate representatives, should be included in the activities of the government in rebuilding and in restoring Poland, The anxieties of the Polish republic are our anxieties too."

Dr. Schwarzbart drew the attention of Premier Mikolajczyk to the anti-Semitie sentiments which have been fostered by irresponsible individuals and groups within the ranks of the Polish Army,

4,000 POLISH JEWS PARTICIPATED IN DEFENSE OF STALINGRAD, POLISH GOVERNMENT SAYS

LONDON, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- More than 4,000 Polish Jews took part in the defense of Stalingrad, it was revealed by Polish official circles today on the basis of information arriving here from Russia. They were organized in a special labor battalion building fortifications and erecting barricades under the leadership of Polish-Jewish engineers.

(The Polish Telegraphic Agency today reported that Dina Semert, a Jewish girl from Poland, has been made a Hero of the Soviet Union for supplying the Russian Army with important information on German fortifications under very dramatic circumstances. "Dina and her mother," the report said, where living near Smolensk, having escaped there from Warsaw where they lived until the outbreak of the war. The mother and daughter were the sole survivors of the family. They did not disclose their Jewish identity and when the Germans came to the town, they continued to live as the rest of the peasants.

"One day," the report continues, "when the Germans were preparing the village against a Russian attack, they told the Semerts that they knew they were Jews. They told the mother that since she spoke Russian well she should cross into the Russian lines and secure information for them as to when the Russians would attack. The girl would be held as hostage against her return. The mother demanded that the daughter be sent in her place. 'She is more attractive and will be able to get more information,' she argued with the Germans. Dina at first refused to go since she realized that her mother wanted her to escape. Finally, she was persuaded and the mother remained as hostage.

"When she got in contact with the Russians, Dina gave them all the information she had on the German plans and fortifications. In due course, they attacked and regained the villages. On entering, they found that the villagers had been locked up in the church which was set on fire. They were able to rescue some of the people. Amongst them was Dina's mother, who is now recovering in a Russian hospital," the Polish report concluded.)

B'NAI B'RITH CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE POSTPONED FOR DURATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Postponment of the observance of the lOOth anniversary of B'nai B'rith, which was to have been celebrated throughout the country on October 13, until after the war was announced here today by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith.

Decision to put off the observance of the centennial of the nation's oldest and largest national Jewish organization for the duration was made at a meeting of the Binai Birith Central Administrative Board. The Board voted to postpone the 100th annaversary celebration in the following resolution:

"The Central Administrative Board has determined to postpone our centennial celebration and hopes to make our centennial celebration a victory celebration, which we hope will be participated in on a national scale by all the District Grand Lodges, lodges, auxiliaries, Hillel Foundations and chapters of Aleph Zadik Aleph."

CONG. ROGERS HONORED BY JEWISH ARMY COMMITTEE AT DINNER IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Speaking at a dinner in his honor here today, arranged by the Anglo-American Committee for a Jewish Army, Cong. Will Rogers Jr., who is in England in connection with proposals to aid the Jews in Europe, declared that "Hitler and his associates have done a great wrong to the Jewish people and it is for us to do all we can to make amends, not only for the sake of the Jews, but for our own sake."

SON OF CANADIAN CHIEF OF POLICE SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Police authorities of Quebec Province were hunting today for Rene Bolduc, son of the chief of police of nearby Plage Laval, in comnection with anti-Jewish riots which broke out there last week, while members of the Canadian Army Provost Corps continue to patrol the streets of the village in order to prevent new outhreaks.

Queried as to the role played by his son in the attacks on Jc ish visitors to the summer resort, the chief of police of Plage Laval today stated that he had no comment to make. He expressed resentment, however, at the "intrusion" of the provincial police authorities. His son disappeared shortly after the riots had been quelled and has not been seen since. Moe Herscovitch, former Canadian Olympic star, who was attacked by some twenty men in the riot, is likely to lose the sight of one eye, it was reported today.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, in a statement condemning the riots in Plage Laval, pointed out that "this was not a mere incident, but part of a planned torror which a band of hooligans are conducting against the Jewish inhabitants of the summer resort." The statement worned that "if proper steps are not taken against the anti-Semitic terrorists at Plage Laval, then serious racial riots may take place," Provincial police continue to watch the highways leading to the resort and are reported to have stopped a number of trucks occupied by youths, some of whom were armed with baseball bats.

SURVEY ON POST-WAR JEWISH PROBLEMS PREPARED FOR AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE DELEGATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 5, (JTA) -- The executive committee for the organization of the American Jewish Conference today announced that it is preparing a "gurrey of Facts and Opinions on Problems of Post-War Jewry in Europe and Falestine," which will be discussed at the Conference."

The first list of delegates designated by national organizations was also announced today. The American Jewish Committee, according to the announcement, will be represented at the Conference by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Jacob Blaustein and George Z. Medalie. The B'nai B'rith will be represented by Henry Monsky, Sidney G. Kusworm and Edwin Schanfarber. Lists of delegates designated by other national organizations will be issued shortly.

Canadian Jews Plan Conference on Post-War Problems

A special conference to discuss post-war planning and related subjects insofar as they affect Canadian Jewry is being planned by the Canadian Jewish Congress, it was learned here today. The conference is to deal with problems of migration, general matters relating to Jews in the post-war world, and the specific problems which affect the Jews of Canada. The time and place of the gathering will be announced,

The agenda of the conference, it was announced, will include the following subjects: Preparatory re-training, in country of origin, of prospective immigrants selected for their special suitability for Canada; Protection of minorities; Restitution of Property Rights; Palestine as Jewish Commonwealth; An International Bill of Rights; Training facilities for demobilized Canadian Jewish youths; Establishment of a Jewish Agricultural Institute in Canada; Intregrating Jewish education into public school curriculum; Permanent admission for ex-internees and other refugees; Outlawing anti-semitium, if this question is not internationally regulated; Making libel against a community a punishable offense.

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE GRANTS 4,250,000 FRANCS TO AID JEWS IN TUNISIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- A grant of 4,250,000 francs to aid the Jews of Tunisia was announced today by the Joint Distribution Committee. The action supplements emergency assistance given to the Jewish as well as to the general population of Tunisia by the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, beginning within a few days after the Axis defeat.

"Heavy fines and other discriminatory measures imposed by the Axis during the occupation of Tunisia have left the Jewish communities there almost entirely without resources," Joseph C. Hymen, executive vice-chairman of the Jp.C., sadd. "With the loss of their property end bank accounts, coupled with the ruin brought to their homes and businesses, the Tunisian Jews have found themselves financially unable to undertake the reconstruction of their communities. Prompt and effective emergency help was given them by the OFRRO. The Joint Distribution Committee has been called upon to supplement this aid and to assist in the development of a long-range rehabilitation program."

American representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee have just completed a preliminary survey of Jewish needs in Tunisia, The first measure taken by the J.D.C. following the survey was the organization of a Gentral Relief Committee in Tunis, composed of leading local Jewish residents. Among the acute problems the new committee will face is the situation of 1,800 evacuees from Bizerte, of whom 1,200 are being temporarily housed in four school buildings of the Jewish community in Tunis. In the provinces many Jows are living under the most crowded conditions, without sanitation or the most elementary hygienic requirements.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR NAMES COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACIAL BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 5.(JTA) -- Declaring that "today discrimination in employment by reason of color, creed or national origin is at an all-time low in New York State," Governor Thomas E. Dewey yesterdey named a new twenty-five-member committee to guard minority rights and to deal "vigorously" with the problem.

The new non-salaried committee is headed by Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the New School for Social Research in New York. The original committee appointed by former Governor Lehman was headed by Frieda S. Miller, then State Industrial Commissioner. The Jewish members of the new committee include Dr. Sidney S. Goldstein of the Free Synagogue and Joseph C. Hyman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

AUSTRALIAN ZIONISTS SEEK TO DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP; \$30,000 RAISED IN NEW ZEALAND

MELBOURNE, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- The Australian Zionist Federation today launched a campaign throughout the entire country, simed at doubling the present membership of the Federation. In a call issued here, it stresses the need for carrying out urgent political tasks. At the same time it was announced that \$88,000 have already been collected in Sydney for the Jewish National Fund.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Aug. 5.(JTA) -- The Keren Hayesod campaign here has already raised nearly \$30,000 and it is expected that further contributions will be forthcoming. The campaign has been added by the pro-Zioniat ratements issued by Prime Minister Peter Fraser and other influential public figures.