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ITALIAN PARTIES ASK COMPENSATION OF JEWS FOR LOSSES UNDER "ARYANIZATION" POLICY

LONDON, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- The Rome radio announced today that the Badoglio Government is re-introducing the Italian Constitution of 1861, brought into being by the first Italian Parliament to meet after the unification of Italy under King Victor Emmanuel II. The same broadcast announced that the Government has abrogated the racial laws introduced by the Mussolini Government in 1938 at the behest of the Nazis. (Abrogation of the racial laws had been previously reported by Stefani, official Italian news agency.)

Dispatches from Switzerland report that Italians who had acquired "Aryanized" Jewish enterprises under the racial laws are now returning the keys to the Jewish owners. Five Italian political parties--the Socialists, Christian Democrats, Liberal Reconstructionists, National Italian Action, Communists--are said to have adopted resolutions urging compensation of Jews for material losses suffered under Mussolini's "Aryanization" policy.

The newspapers Stampa and Corriere della Sera, which along with other Italian newspaper under the Mussolini regime had been violently anti-Semitic, are now adopting a decidedly pro-Jewish attitude.

EVACUATION OF JEWS FROM ITALIAN-HELD BALKAN TERRITORY TO ITALY IS URGED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- A suggestion that disposition of the Jews in the Italian-occupied parts of Yugoslavia, Greece and other Balkan countries be covered in the armistice conditions which the Allied nations are to offer to Italy, is made today in the Swedish newspaper Aftontidningen.

"Unless these Jews are evacuated into Italy under the armistice terms, they will all be left to certain massacre by the Nazis who will remain the only occupational power in Balkan countries after Italy withdraws its armies from there," the paper writes. It emphasizes that the evacuation of the Jews from Balkan territories garrisoned by Italians can be arranged along the same lines as the evacuation of the Italian soldiers from those territories.

"The Jews in the Italian-held Balkan lands are in mortal danger in case of Italian capitulation," the article continues. "As soon as Italy abandons the Balkans, the Jews in the territories there which are at present under Italian military administration, will be taken over by the Nazi Gestapo police troops and will face the same brutal fate as all other Jews under Nazi occupation."

The Swedish paper quotes an article in the Nazi organ Westdeutscher Beobachter complaining that the Jews who live in Italian-garrisoned Balkan towns are "relatively free" despite the fact that they must wear the yellow Mogen David. The Aftontidningen also reports that when the Italians occupied Dalmatia, Croatia and Herzegovina, they saved thousands of Jews there, mainly Sephardic, who were hiding in the woods and helped them to cross into Italy.

The Swedish newspaper at the same time quotes the German press as reporting that in Slovenia and Bosnia not a single Jew is left. "The Nazis and the pro-Nazi Ustachis in the so-called independent state of Croatia have also exterminated all the Jews in Zagreb and other Croatian cities," the Aftontidningen states.

7,500 JEWS ESCAPED FROM YUGOSLAVIA INTO ITALY; RECEIVE TOLERANT TREATMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- More than 7,500 Jews succeeded in crossing into Italy from Italian-held parts of Yugoslavia, it was reported today by the Joint Distribution Committee. About 6,000 of them are Yugoslavian Jews and the remainder are Jews from Germany, Austria and Poland who fled to Yugoslavia prior to the country's occupation by the Axis.

"The Jews who succeeded in fleeing to the regions occupied by the Italians were confined by the Italian authorities in the interior of Italy," the report states. "No such measures as the forced wearing of the Yellow Star of David were taken against them. Many of them are in Camp Ferramonte in the province of Cosenza in Southern Italy. Others are in small places of Northern Italy in so-called forced residence. They receive a daily subvention of 8 lira per adult, 4 lira for each child, and a monthly allocation for their rent."

The report relates details of mass-extinction of Jews in the German-occupied parts of Yugoslavia, including the so-called independent state of Croatia where 40,000 Jews resided before the outbreak of the war.

"By August, 1942, the only Jews who were left in German-occupied Yugoslavia were old people and some women and children," the report says. "In that month the remaining Jews were deported to Poland. Those who had found shelter in homes for the aged were deported as late as May, 1943, to an unknown destination. Included in this group were Rabbi Dr. Schalom Freiburger, Dr. Hugo Kohn, the 75-year-old President of the Zagreb Jewish community, and Villin Vuk Engelsroth, 85-year-old former President of the Orthodox Jewish community. It is believed that there are practically no Jews left in this area."

Concerning those Yugoslav Jews who succeeded in fleeing to the Croatian and Dalmatian areas garrisoned by Italians, the report states that they were interned in camps which are run by the Italian occupation army, even though this territory belongs to "independent" Croatia. "In one of these camps, at Kraljevica, about 1,400 Jews, many German and Austrian emigrants, are living in barracks," the report states. "They have their own administration and are permitted to communicate with other countries. Other forced residences were assigned to the Jews on the island of Hvar and in the region of Dubrovnic." The writer of the report believes that these Jews are in danger from encroachment by the Croats and Germans, and believes that they can be saved only by transfer into the interior of Italy.

NAZIS ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE BELGIANS TO SURRENDER JEWISH FUGITIVES

ZURICH, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- Unsuccessful in their attempt to discover hundreds of Jews who are being sheltered by Belgian patriots to prevent them from being deported to Poland, Nazi officials are now offering amnesties to Belgians who have been hiding Jews, providing they are now willing to turn them into the police.

A Nazi paper from Belgium arriving here today carries a proclamation by a Col. Kooymans, chief of police in the provinces of Limburg and Brabant, declaring that persons sheltering Jews "and who are now finding them a burden," can surrender them to the police and will not be punished for having assisted the fugitives. "All those finding themselves in such a position can be helped by applying to the police," the proclamation reads.

BISHOP WARNS NAZIS THAT GERMAN PEOPLE WILL SUFFER FOR ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES

GENEVA, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- Nazi anti-Jewish atrocities have been severely criticized for the first time by a leader of the Lutheran Church in Germany who emphasized that they "will bring the German people no blessing."

The Swiss press reports today that the Lutheran Bishop, Theophil Wurm, addressed a protest to the Nazi Governor of Wurttemberg, Germany, demanding that "all measures must be stopped by which human beings belonging to another race or nation are killed without judgment of a military or civil court merely because of nationality or race."

"We do not want the responsibility before God for all the terrible things happening in Germany or neighboring territories," the Bishop wrote. "What under the ideology now involved is being done against other peoples and races cannot be placed on the shoulders of the German people alone. A small minority carries out and enjoys these deeds. The church tells those responsible that these things are against God's law and will bring the German people no blessing."

The Swiss newspapers also report that priests of the Confession Church in Prussia are telling their congregations that Christians in Germany share the guilt for the Nazi brutalities against Jews.

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ, J.D.C. DIRECTOR, REACHES PALESTINE ON RELIEF MISSION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- The first eye-witness account by a Jewish observer of the devastation wrought in the Jewish communities of Tunisia during the Nazi occupation was given here today by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, who has come here to organize assistance for Jewish refugees in neighboring and neutral countries.

Describing Tunisia as a "major relief problem," Dr. Schwartz told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that before retreating, the Nazis robbed the Jewish population of anything they could carry, including money, jewels and other valuables. Several weeks earlier they had levied a 58,000,000 franc fine on the Jewish community in reprisal for Allied air raids. While in Tunisia, the Nazis used 70,000 Jews as forced labor for constructing fortifications, Dr. Schwartz said.

One of his chief reasons for coming to Jerusalem, he explained, was to attempt to arrange transportation for refugees in neutral and Balkan countries who are able to come to Palestine. The JDC director added that he was working in close cooperation with the Jewish Agency. He said he might go to Turkey to confer on refugee problems before returning to North Africa.

LUXEMBURG FOREIGN MINISTER PROMISES JEWS WILL HAVE FULL RIGHTS AFTER WAR

LONDON, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- Jews in the Duchy of Luxemburg will, after the war, have all the rights and privileges held by other citizens, it was stated today by Joseph Bech, Foreign Minister of the Luxemburg Government-in-Exile. (Before the outbreak of war there were about 3,000 Jews in the Duchy.)

In a statement made public here, Mr. Bech stated that "Jews having suffered from the crimes of the common enemy will, after victory, return to their homes in our liberated free Luxemburg." Referring to the fact that many Luxemburg Jews who succeeded in fleeing the country paid tribute to the assistance given them by non-Jewish residents, the Foreign Minister added: "There has never been anti-Semitic feeling in our country. The Luxemburg spirit is poles apart from the racial prejudices of National Socialism." He recalled that before it was invaded, the Duchy had given refuge to many Jews fleeing Germany.

ZIONIST GROUPS REACH AGREEMENT ON ZOA PRESIDENCY; DR. WISE ANNOUNCES CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- The question of who shall be named president of the Zionist Organization of America at its forthcoming convention in September was settled today to the satisfaction of all interested groups, Dr. Stephen S. Wise announced in a special statement. He revealed that Dr. Israel Goldstein will be nominated for the Z.O.A. presidency, while Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be summoned to political leadership in the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. Dr. Wise's statement reads:

"In the midst of the serious problems facing the Zionist movement at this time and on the eve of the forthcoming convention of the Zionist Organization of America, I felt it incumbent upon me to do what lay in my power toward achieving the maximum degree of unity joined with the maximum effectiveness in the conduct of Zionist affairs. Having conferred at length with my colleagues in the leadership and the representatives of various groups in the Zionist Organization of America, it is a source of deepest satisfaction to me to be able to announce that we now find ourselves in complete accord on the following program.

"By general agreement among leaders of all groups Dr. Israel Goldstein, after many years of faithful and gifted service within the Zionist movement and particularly as head of the Jewish National Fund, is planned and expected to be the only nominee for the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America at its forthcoming convention in September.

"Similarly, it is planned and expected that with the concurrence of all parties, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, for long one of the most distinguished figures in Zionism, will be summoned to leadership in the sphere of political affairs by becoming the co-chairman with me of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs and assuming also the chairmanship of its Executive Committee, the body responsible for the centralized direction of our political efforts."

MILDER CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEES IN AMERICAN COUNTRIES EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- A recommendation that all the republics of the Americas make their citizenship more freely available to refugees may soon be considered by the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense, now consulting here with officials of the United States Government. The committee was created as a result of the Third Meeting of American Ministers of Foreign Affairs at Rio de Janeiro in January, 1942, and has been in continuous session since April of that year.

Some of the American nations, notably Mexico, deny citizenship to all persons of Axis origin, whether or not they are refugees. This makes it difficult for refugees to earn a living, especially if they are professional men. In this country, and in several others, the practice is to judge each case on its merits. The naturalization of more than 100,000 persons who are technically "enemy aliens" is now in process here.

NEW YORK POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES GIVE \$12,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.(JTA)-- Post-office employees here presented a check for \$12,000 to the United Jewish Appeal at a victory rally this week in the Hotel Pennsylvania, it was announced today.