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JEWS IN ITALY ANXIOUS; NO ACTUAL ABROGATION OF ANTI-JEWISH LAWS HAS TAKEN PLACE

GENEVA, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- Jews in Italy are perturbed over the fact that while the Italian news agency Stefani, as well as the Rome radio, announced the abrogation of Mussolini's anti-Jewish laws, no actual abrogation has taken place as yet.

Jewish leaders in Rome who intervened with the Badoglio government to have all the anti-Jewish regulations repealed, have received no satisfactory reply, it was reported here today. It appears almost certain that the new Italian regime is not willing to re-establish complete equality between Jews and "Aryans."

While several Italian Jews who were ousted from their high military positions were reported to have received notification to hold themselves ready for re-instatement in the service, none of the former Jewish officers in the civil administration has been re-instated as yet. Even Jewish journalists are not allowed to contribute articles to Italian newspapers, or to work in the administrative offices of Italian publications.

In the city of Genoa, the marriage license office still refuses to issue licenses to Jews who wish to marry non-Jewish girls. The Jewish situation in Italy as it stands today, three weeks after the fall of Mussolini, may be said to be unaltered save for a few exceptions in individual cases.

The situation of the interned alien Jews in Italy has similarly not undergone any improvement since the fall of Mussolini. The camp in Ferramoniti-Tarisa, where the inmates were mostly Polish Jews, has been liquidated, but the internees were transferred to other camps, a report received here today from Italy disclosed.

Nazis Contradict Rome Report on Jewish Equality in Italy

LONDON, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- No news has been received here as to whether the Commission, appointed by the Badoglio Government in Italy to deal with the situation developed by the reported abolition of anti-Jewish laws is making any progress.

The Commission, it was learned today, is headed by the Italian Minister of Justice, Azzariti. The establishment of the Commission had encouraged the Jews of Italy in their hope for speedy rehabilitation to their pre-war status.

A German news agency today denied that the anti-Jewish laws have been abolished in Italy. The agency reported that it had been officially authorized from Rome to state that the anti-Jewish legislation in Italy remains in force for the time being. The Nazi report contradicts the report disseminated by the Italian news agency, Stefani, that the racial laws have all been rescinded.

PALESTINE ARAB LEADERS DOUBT WHETHER PAN-ARAB FEDERATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- Informed Arab circles here today indicated that the conferences last week in Cairo between the Egyptian and the Irakian foreign ministers on the question of the proposed formation of a federation of Arab countries, including Palestine, have brought disappointing results.

The prospects for the creation of a political pan-Arab federation in the near future are not bright, these Arab leaders say. Considerable opposition against such political unification exists in the various Arab states, and there seems to be little possibility of overcoming this opposition at present. Arab leaders, however, emphasized today that the outlook for cultural - and in some cases even economic - cooperation between the Arab countries is brighter as a result of the Cairo conference.

At a conference of leaders of the Jewish Socialist Party in Palestine held at Tel Aviv today, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, laborite leader, emphasized that the political attitude of the Jews in Palestine may be summarized in the slogan: "Help the war as if there were no White Paper, and fight the White Paper as if there were no war."

Mr. E. Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the conference, urged the need of a Bureau to devote itself to devising work opportunities for all the Jews expected to arrive from Central and Eastern Europe.

JEWISH AGENCY CALLS ARMS TRIAL IN PALESTINE "CRUDE FRAME-UP" AGAINST JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today cabled to the British Government a vigorous protest against the "slandorous anti-Jewish attacks" made by Major Richard B. Verdin, council for the defense in the trial of the two British soldiers who were sentenced here yesterday by a military court to fifteen years each for selling arms to a Jewish organization.

The name of the organization was not mentioned during the trial, but there were hints several times of an alleged connection between it and the Jewish Agency. Major Verdin, pleading for the two British soldiers, suggested that persons who are sending funds to Palestine for Jewish refugee settlement would be disappointed if they knew that in some cases the money raised is being spent for depriving the military forces of its arms, thus harming the cause of the United Nations.

The Jewish Agency, in the protest cabled today to London, described the incident as a crude frame-up to defame the Jewish people, discredit the Jewish war effort, and bring Jewish soldiers into disrepute in the eyes of their British comrades and of the higher military authorities. It charged this was part of a systematic whispering campaign conducted for some time by anti-Jewish groups in Palestine against the Jewish Agency and the Jews of Palestine in an attempt to prejudice Anglo-American public opinion against Jews and the Jewish future in Palestine.

The Jewish Agency concludes with an appeal asking that "His Majesty's Government inquire and take the necessary measures to end these political intrigues." The protest was signed by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency.

The trial was continued by the same military court today with two Palestinian Jews, Abraham Rachlis, a taxi driver from Haifa, and Leib Sirkis, a Palestine policeman, the defendants.

PALESTINE JEWISH LEADERS PROCEED TO TURKEY TO NEGOTIATE FOR SAVING JEWS OF EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, will leave on Monday for Turkey in connection with the efforts to save Jews from Nazi-held European countries. Dr. Emil Shmorak, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, left for Turkey today. He will also attend the opening of the international industrial exhibition in Smyrna at which Palestine is represented with a special pavilion.

It was announced here today that the World Jewish Congress is considering the proclamation of a world-wide Jewish mourning and protest day similar to that recently observed in Palestine, at which the immediate rescue of European Jews will be demanded at meetings in all democratic countries.

AMERICAN IS APPOINTED VICE-DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- The appointment of Patrick Malin, a former member of the State Department, to the post of vice-director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was announced today by the State Department. The selection of Mr. Malin, who, as the State Department noted in its announcement, "has had experience in refugee matters in Europe," was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Intergovernmental Committee held in London this month "to consider the recommendations of the Bermuda Conference."

Mr. Malin has been one of the key men in ex-Gov. Lehman's Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitations Operations, and his selection as associate head of the refugee work indicates that it will be carried on in close cooperation with the Lehman agency. He already has resigned from the Lehman office and will take up his new duties with the Intergovernmental Committee in London shortly.

It was reported here today that the Intergovernmental Committee, at its meeting early this month in London, approved a program of expanded activities on the basis of the decisions reached at the Bermuda Conference. While the Committee is barred from dealing with Nazi Germany for the release of oppressed peoples, it will endeavor to get refugees out of neutral countries, and, where possible, out of enemy-occupied territories. The Committee, it was stated, will also try to arrange for havens to which refugees can be transported when shipping facilities are available. The question of Jewish immigration to Palestine will be outside of the Committee's scope, it was pointed out.

As executive vice-chairman of the Friends' Service Committee, Mr. Malin was in Spain during the Civil War and supervised relief work for both sides in that conflict. In 1941 and 1942 he was in France in charge of the Quaker food relief work. From 1924 to 1930 he was private secretary to Sherwood Eddy, head of the International YMCA, and in that capacity spent five months in Europe on YMCA work.

RUMANIAN JEWS SERVING IN BRITISH FORCES SPUR PLAN FOR SPECIAL UNIT

LONDON, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- The question of the formation of a Rumanian unit within the British Army is now under discussion by the British military authorities, it was learned here today. A plan for such a contingent is being considered as a result of the number of Rumanian Jewish refugees now serving in the British armed forces.

PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE COMPLETED; PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- The headquarters of the American Jewish Conference today announced that the Conference will open Sunday afternoon, August 29 and will conclude on Thursday, September 2. The principal speakers at the opening session will be Henry Monsky and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

At the opening session, a recommendation will be made for the election of a General Committee of 50 to 55 members to serve as a Committee on committees, rules, procedure and co-ordination throughout the sessions. Further recommendations will include election of a praesidium of 14 members, of which 10 are to be named by the various groups at the Conference on the basis of 1 member in the praesidium for every 50 delegates, and 4 members at large.

In order to assure that all the committees which are to be elected for the consideration of the various issues of the Conference shall adequately represent the membership of the Conference, a system of proportionate representation will be recommended. Delegates will be given an opportunity to designate their affiliations with any of the existing groups or with groups that may be formed or to state that "designation is reserved."

"The fear expressed in some sections of the press that the American Jewish Conference will devote its deliberations and interest entirely to post-war problems and will disregard the immediate rescue program is shown to be completely unjustified, as a result of the proposed appointment of a special committee, consisting of from 35 to 50 members, which will consider all problems related to rendering immediate help and rescue to the European Jews," the announcement said.

The executive has decided to extend to the accredited representatives of Canadian, Central and South American Jewry an invitation to attend the Conference as guests.

NUMBER OF JEWS KILLED EXCEEDS LOSS OF ANY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MRS. ROOSEVELT SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- The Jews have been the supreme victims of the war, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt declared in her syndicated article today. Admitting that she does not know "what we can do to save the Jews," she asserted all will be sufferers, "if we let great wrongs occur without exerting ourselves to correct them."

"The Jews," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote, "have suffered in Europe as has no other group. The percentage killed among them in the past few years far exceeds the losses among any of the United Nations in the battles which have been fought throughout the war.

"Many of them, for generations, considered Germany, Poland, Rumania and France their country and permanent home. This same thing might happen to any other group, if enough people ganged up against it and decided on persecution. It seems to me that it is part of common sense for the world as a whole to protest in its own interest against wholesale persecution, because none of us by ourselves would be strong enough to stand against a big enough group which decided to treat us in the same way," the article points out.

SIMON MARKS ESCAPES INJURY IN PLANE CRASH OVER IRELAND

LONDON, Aug. 13.(JTA)-- Simon Marks, noted English Zionist and philanthropist escaped injury today when a plane on which he was one of the passengers crashed in Ireland.