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AMGOT ORDERS SICILIAN MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT LISTS OF "ARYANIZED" PROPERTY

LONDON, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The AMGOT, Allied Military Government, issued an order to the municipalities in Sicily to submit a list of "Aryanized" Jewish property together with the names of the present owners, as well as of the Jews who owned the property before they were "Aryanized," the London press reports today.

A report from Stockholm reaching here today quotes the Frit Folk, organ of the Quisling administration in Nazi-occupied Norway, as stating that the property of ninety-seven Jews in Trondheim was this week officially confiscated by the pro-Nazi authorities.

DEPORTED JEWS, IN PITCHED BATTLE ON CATTLE TRAIN, FORCE GUARDS TO OPEN DOORS

LONDON, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The Belgian Government-in-Exile today released a report of another battle between Jews deported from Belgium and Nazi guards escorting them on a cattle-train to Poland. Many Jews, the report says, were killed during the fray, but many succeeded in escaping.

This transport of Jewish deportees, the second to offer resistance to the Nazis, was composed of Belgian and French Jews, including women and children. Shortly after the train started out from Malines, the deportees made a break, many of them trying to jump from the running train. The German soldiers and members of the pro-Nazi Flemish volunteer units escorting the train, opened fire. The road on which the train travelled all the way from Tirlement to Vise was strewn with the dead and wounded.

One of the Jews who succeeded in escaping from the train and was given refuge by a Belgian peasant stated that he was taken from a concentration camp near Malines "where the inmates suffer from hunger, thirst and ill treatment, and where women and children were murdered in front of our eyes."

"When we were informed that we were to be deported to occupied eastern territory," the Jew is quoted as declaring, "we became convinced that the worst was awaiting us. Most of us therefore decided to risk anything rather than to be massacred like other deported Jews. The engine which pulled our train was old and slow moving and we took the risk of jumping from the running train after a pitched battle in which we used anything we could lay our hands on to force the guards to open the doors of the cars."

Belgian gendarmes, the report of the Belgian Government-in-Exile states, opened an investigation into the causes of the death of those found along the road, but the German police ordered the investigation stopped.

Two of the most violent anti-Semitic weeklies in occupied Belgium were compelled to close down because of lack of support on the part of the public, it was reported here today. The publications are L'Ami du Peuple and Volkseeranwalt.

ARMS TRIAL IN PALESTINE ENTERS SECOND WEEK; DUTCH WOMAN INVOLVED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The "arms trial" in which two British soldiers were sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment each for illegal sale of arms to an unnamed Jewish organization, entered its second week today with a Dutch-born woman, Heintje Hendrika Rita Marx, testifying for the prosecution.

Mrs. Marx, who at today's hearing repudiated her statement to the police that she is Jewish, was sworn in as witness on an English Bible. She testified that one of the Jewish defendants, Abraham Rachlin, visited the two convicted British soldiers at her house and discussed with them plans of bringing in arms from Cairo.

The witness, who is a friend of the two British soldiers, stated that she came to Palestine four years ago with a man to whom she was later married by a rabbi. Two years later they were divorced. She was held under what the prosecutor described as "protective detention."

It was learned here today that Jewish leaders in London have lodged with the government departments concerned a complaint against the anti-Jewish allegations made during the "arms trial" by Major R. B. Verdin, military counsel. It is understood that certain proposals were submitted by the Jewish leaders in connection with the filing of the complaint.

(The Committee for a Jewish Army today cabled from New York to David Ben-Gurion in Jerusalem a message of "support and encouragement" for his protesting and challenging the attack made against the Jewish Agency by Major Verdin during the trial in the Palestine Military Court. "You may count on our full support," the cable said.)

CLANDESTINE POLISH ANTI-JEWISH PAPER APPEARS IN LONDON IN ENLARGED FORM

LONDON, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The clandestine Polish anti-Semitic paper Walka re-appeared in England today containing 26 mimeographed pages as against the two-to-eight pages published hitherto.

The fascist publication carries a violent attack on the new Polish Prime Minister Mikolajczyk and accuses the Polish Minister Kaczynski of "judaising" the recent congress of Polish Catholics. It demands that the present Polish cabinet include more members of the anti-Semitic Endek party. Polish liberal circles here are trying to discover the identity of the editor of the publication.

DR. WEIZMANN'S STATE OF HEALTH CAUSES CONCERN TO HIS FRIENDS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The state of health of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and leader of the world Zionist movement, is causing considerable concern to his friends, the London Jewish Chronicle reports today. The paper says that Dr. Weizmann has lately been ordered to observe complete rest and is now staying in the country.

The Jewish Chronicle also reports that several of its issues have been banned by the censor in Palestine, the Colonial Office informing the editor that the ban was ordered because the issues carried "tendentious" articles on the Jewish State and the Jewish Army. (The New York laborite Zionist weekly publication, Yiddisher Kemper, today reported that it has been banned in Palestine for the last two years, and even the Palestine newspapers are not permitted to receive it.)

4,000,000 JEWS KILLED IN EUROPE BY NAZIS; JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- A plea to President Roosevelt and to Prime Minister Churchill, now in session at Quebec, urging them "to take substantive action now to save European Jewry after a year of inaction which has doubled the toll of Jewish victims" was addressed by the American Jewish Congress, following a report received by the Congress, through the State Department, declaring that 4,000,000 Jews have been murdered by the Nazis since the summer of 1942 when the accelerated Nazi program of exterminating the Jews was inaugurated.

The report, coming from trustworthy sources, estimates that less than two million Jews remain today in the whole of Nazi Europe. It contradicts the general impression that there are still four million Jews left in Axis Europe. In Poland, according to this report, virtually the entire Jewish population has been annihilated. "Only a few hundred thousand survivors remain, and the majority of these are either in hiding or have been pressed into service by the Nazis in slave labor camps," the report says.

In addressing his plea to the heads of the Allied conference which is now taking place in Quebec, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, pointed out that failure on the part of the United Nations to act would be to "doom the remaining Jews of Europe to complete destruction and to dissipate the hope of civilized peoples everywhere that this is a war of human freedom regardless of race, or creed, or color."

Renewed representations are being made to the Government of the United States with a view to immediate action to rescue the remaining Jews of Europe, in behalf of the Joint Emergency Committee for European Jewish Affairs. The Committee comprises representatives of the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, Synagogue Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and the Agudath Israel.

ALLIED DECISIONS AWAITED PRIOR TO DISCUSSING POST-WAR JEWISH POLICY IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Aug. 20.(JTA)-- The reluctance to discuss a post-war Jewish policy as long as the United Nations have not as yet formulated their views with regard to a number of important international problems, was given here today as one of the reasons for the postponement, for an indefinite time, of the debate by the Board of Deputies of British Jews on the policy of British Jewry with regard to post-war Jewish issues. The debate was scheduled for September 12.

Jewish leaders here indicated that they are anxious to prevent any discussion "on thin air" of impractical proposals without regard to the actual political conditions. Some of them prefer to await the attitude of the American Jewish Conference towards a number of post-war Jewish problems prior to defining the policy of British Jewry. On the other hand, some Jewish leaders here, though welcoming the postponement of the scheduled debate as an opportunity for more thorough studies, are determined that the Board of Deputies voice its opinion from a purely Anglo-Jewish angle, independently of the views held by Jews in other democratic countries.

Leading members of the Board of Deputies all agree that since the organization is now engaged with the formation of a new foreign committee to replace the Joint Foreign Committee which is being dissolved as a result of the refusal of the Board of Deputies to renew its agreement with the Anglo-Jewish Association, it is only fair that the debate should take place after the reorganization of the new committee is completed.

JDC DIRECTOR REPORTS ON JEWISH POSITION IN NORTH AFRICA; TEMPORARY AID NEEDED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20, (JTA)-- The first comprehensive picture of the Jewish situation in North Africa was given here today by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, prior to his departure on a ten-day trip to Turkey to study relief measures there.

All the refugees in North Africa have been liberated by now from the internment camps, Dr. Schwartz said to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Most of them are working, and some have joined the British Pioneer Corps, while others are working for the army. Many found employment in private industries. Some of the old and physically handicapped are being assisted by local communities which are being subsidized by the Joint Distribution Committee.

"In Algeria and in Morocco," Dr. Schwartz continued, "most of the Vichy anti-Jewish restrictions have been removed and the general economic situation there is not unfavorable. Jewish children are readmitted to the schools and Jewish doctors and lawyers have resumed their practice. Most of the Jews dismissed from civil service under the Vichy laws have now been reinstated. Many Jewish institutions and communal organizations are without any resources due to the three years of Vichy rule, thus requiring assistance until they are in a position to replenish their own resources.

"The Jewish community in Algeria is hopeful that the Jews will be fully restored to all their rights. The moral sufferings of the Jewish communities there, as a result of the Vichy laws, are very great. These communities will need temporary financial support from the Joint Distribution Committee.

Jews in Tunisia Suffered Most; Were Terrorized by the Axis

"The greatest suffering of the Jews in North Africa is noticeable in Tunisia," Dr. Schwartz said. "Living under Axis occupation for about six months, the Jews in Tunisia were robbed by the Germans of their homes, radios, carpets, furniture. The Nazis also took 150 Jewish hostages among whom were leaders of the Jewish community. Some of them were sent to France. The Jewish communities had to furnish about 8,000 forced laborers, paying each 100 francs daily and supplying them with equipment and tools. A fine of 58,000,000 francs was also imposed on the Jews by the Nazis.

"Many Jewish refugees from Tripolitania are now in Tunisia, and the JDC is making every effort to repatriate them. Many Jewish evacuees from Bizerte are also now in Tunis. About 1,300 of these evacuees live in the buildings of four Jewish schools. The local Jewish communities in Tunisia are impoverished and require immediate help to rebuild their institutions and to take care of the refugees and evacuees."

Dr. Schwartz concluded his review by stating that Lehman's Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation is rendering significant help to the Jews in Tunisia by providing them with food and clothing, but constructive help of a communal nature will have to be provided for them by the Joint Distribution Committee.