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ALL JEWS IN LAVAL'S HOME TOWN ARRESTED; NEGOTIATE FOR EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- All Jews of Clermont Ferrand, the home town of Pierre Laval, head of the French Government in Vichy, have been arrested, it was reported here today.

At the same time it became known here today that Jewish leaders in Vichy have resumed negotiations with the Laval administration to permit the emigration of 1,000 Jewish children from France to Argentine. The Argentine Government has promised to admit them, providing they are allowed to leave France and receive transit visas enabling them to sail either from a Spanish or Portuguese port.

NAZIS EXHUMING BODIES AND CREMATING THEM TO HIDE CRIMES FROM UNITED NATIONS

LONDON, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- Fearing the retribution which the United Nations announced they would deal out to them for their atrocities against civilians, the Nazis in Poland are endeavoring to remove all traces of their crimes against Poles and Jews, according to a report in the Dziennik Polski, official organ of the Polish Government-in-Exile, published in London.

The Nazis, the paper charges, are exhuming the bodies of Jews and Poles murdered at Lublin, Warsaw and Treblinka and cremating the corpses. It is the intent of the Nazis, when called to account for the crimes to demand of the United Nations the evidence of such crimes. This, they believe, the Allies will not be in a position to offer, if the bodies are cremated.

RIFT IN JEWISH LABOR PARTY IN PALESTINE GROWS; BEN-GURION DEMANDS DISCIPLINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- The rift between the two factions within the Mapai, the Jewish Labor Party of Palestine, has become so acute that David Ben-Gurion, as one of the leaders of the party, delivered a three-hour speech demanding implicit discipline on the part of all members.

Mr. Ben-Gurion voiced his demand at a two-day conference of leaders of both factions which concluded yesterday. If the minority continues its present policy, it will read itself out of the party, he insisted.

Some fifty speakers demanded the floor to participate in the debate which followed Ben-Gurion's address, but only a small number succeeded in getting the floor. The debate will be continued next week. Z. Idelson, one of the leaders of the opposition, justified the right of every member of the party to his own opinion. He accused the majority of "wishing to suppress every independent thought."

UNDERGROUND REPORT CONFIRMS POISONING OF CHILDREN BY NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- A copy of a publication published by an underground "Red Cross" in Belgium confirms the story recently appearing in other papers that the Nazis are injecting poison into the bodies of children whom they suspect as being Jewish, although the children may dwell in Christian homes.

HENRY FORD URGED TO HALT USE OF HIS NAME IN ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN THE AMERICAS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- Henry Ford was urged to take "more forceful measures to halt the use of his name in an enemy-inspired anti-Jewish propaganda campaign throughout North and South America" in a message addressed to him today by L.M. Birkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, Inc.

"We urge you to take determined steps to stop the use of your name in a vicious pro-Axis propaganda campaign now being waged throughout the Western Hemisphere," the message reads.

"In English-speaking North America a propaganda pamphlet called 'The Malist' exploits a quotation attributed to you to spread the virus of the fraudulent Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Although barred from the mails, this 48-page pamphlet nevertheless is widely circulated through other channels for the insidious purpose of rousing public demand that our forces be withdrawn from foreign battlefields. Charging the President of the United States and also our allies with treachery, the pamphlet exploits a vicious variety of anti-Semitism and makes a violent attack on the Order of Free Masons.

"In Spanish and Portuguese language countries your name is used in an openly-conducted and sensational propaganda drive inspired by the enemy," the message continues. "Recent newspaper dispatches describe this campaign as increasingly bitter and successful to the point of killing off any large-scale plans for post-war immigration of refugees to the population-hungry nations of Latin-America. According to information received by first hand from South American capitals the spearhead of the campaign is the prefuse display and sale of the book, 'El Judio Internacional.' Above the title appears the name in bold lettering, 'Henry Ford.'

"We know that you have sought to halt the distribution by the Ku Klux Klan of a similar volume, 'The International Jew,' in this country. And we are aware that you have appealed to the Mexican Government against the distribution of the Spanish language edition. But in view of the increasing gravity of the situation we feel you must take more forceful measures. We believe you have the power to stop the exploitation of your name in this entire propaganda campaign. In Latin-America, as well as at home, your great sales and promotion organizations are supplied with legal counsel who could challenge the right of our German and Japanese enemies and their local agents to use your name in their propaganda. We call upon you to act at once," the message concludes.

JWB AND JEWISH WAR VETERANS REACH AGREEMENT ON SERVICE TO DISABLED VETERANS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, announced today the conclusion of an agreement with Jewish War Veterans of the United States in connection with the expansion of the JWB program of service to disabled veterans.

The efforts of both organizations will be devoted to rendering the maximum benefit to the men and women who have become ill or have been disabled in the service of their country and require aid in reestablishing themselves. The plan provides for the appointment by the Jewish Welfare Board of a Veterans Service Committee on which both organizations will be represented, and which will supervise the expanded program. The staff will be enlarged as needed and additional regional offices established, to augment the present personnel of five full time and seventy-five part time workers attached to this branch of the work of the Jewish Welfare Board.

SPECIAL BOARD TO CONSIDER APPEALS FOR RELEASE OF ENEMY ALIENS IS FORMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- Attorney General Francis Biddle today announced the appointment of a 22-member panel constituting a Special Alien Enemy Hearing Board to consider appeals for release by interned enemy aliens who have recently been transferred from the custody of the Army to that of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Special boards composed of four to eight members drawn from this panel will make periodic visits to the various detention centers maintained by the Service for the purpose of conducting hearings. This procedure, the Attorney General said, is regarded as more economical and efficient than transporting individual alien enemies back to their home jurisdictions for such hearings before local boards. All cases to be considered by the special boards are those of alien enemies appealing from internment orders.

Members of the panel were selected from among more than 400 members of local Alien Enemy Hearing Boards established throughout the country early in 1942. Members of the panel, as well as members of local boards, serve voluntarily without pay, though their expenses are borne by the Government. The Attorney General said that transfer of 4,120 interned alien enemies from Army custody to camps maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service was completed several weeks ago.

ZIONISTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WELCOME AGREEMENT ON ZOA PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- The announcement by Dr. Stephen S. Wise that an agreement had been reached between the various Zionist groups by which Dr. Israel Goldstein is to be the only nominee for the presidency of the Zionist Organization at its convention in Columbus on September 12, has been acclaimed in many parts of the country, Zionist circles reported here today.

Among the larger Zionist groups which took action this week to approve the agreement were the Chicago Zionist Organization and the Ohio Valley Zionist Region.

In Portland, the Zionist organization adopted similar resolutions, stressing the essential need of harmony in Zionist ranks at the present time.

The Connecticut Zionist Region similarly this week endorsed the action announced by Dr. Wise after his conference with Zionist leaders, as did the Empire State Zionist Region at its meeting in Kingston and the Western New York region at its sessions in Buffalo.

PHILADELPHIA JEW AWARDED ELEVEN DECORATIONS FOR BRAVERY IN AIR BATTLES

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.(JTA)-- S/Sgt. Marvin Mitchell, 22, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the Air Medal and ten Oak Leaf Clusters, the Jewish Welfare Board reported today. Sergeant Mitchell is a Flying Fortress gunner and has been on fifty bombing missions.

Marvin is credited with shooting down four Nazi craft and crippling a great many others. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps two years ago upon graduation from South Philadelphia High School.