

NAZIS START MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN DENMARK; JEWISH POPULATION IS TRAPPED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 30. (JTA)-- Jews are being arrested throughout Denmark following establishment of the military dictatorship imposed by the German authorities upon the defiant Danish population, it was reported here today by well-informed sources.

The same sources predicted that the Nazi anti-Jewish measures from which the 6,000 Jews of Denmark have hitherto been spared due to the opposition of King Christian, will now be introduced as they were in Norway and other German-occupied countries. There is no way that Jews can escape from Denmark since Danish waters are now well guarded by the German fleet, it was pointed out.

In addition to Danish Jews, there are in Denmark today about 500 Jewish refugee youths from central European countries, including members of the Hechalutz who were trained in Denmark for agricultural work in Palestine and were hoping to reach Palestine at the first opportunity. About a dozen of them succeeded several weeks ago in securing illegal transportation across several countries and some of them are reported to have arrived in Turkey.

It was estimated here today that there are also 600 adult Jewish refugees from Central Europe in Denmark. Those who married Danish women have up to now enjoyed the full protection of the Danish authorities and were given relief when needed. With the German military authorities assuming complete control of the country this protection has automatically ceased.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE DIVIDED ON PALESTINE QUESTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA)-- The question of whether the American Jewish Conference should endorse the Zionist demand for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, after the war or limit itself to voicing opposition to the White Paper and to demanding continued Jewish immigration to Palestine, formed the center of discussions at today's session of the Conference.

A full-fledged debate took place in the evening (details will be reported in tomorrow's issue), while leaders of the Zionist Laborite movement and of the Mizrahi orthodox organization, speaking at the afternoon session, strongly advocated the adoption by the Conference of a resolution supporting the demand for a Jewish Commonwealth. A cable from the executive of the Jewish Agency similarly appealed to the Conference to support the request for the establishment of "a Jewish Commonwealth in the ancient Jewish homeland."

Delegates representing the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee and other groups indicated that they stand by the policy outlined last night by Judge Joseph Proskauer who called for "unity of conduct" stating that all delegates present agree to fight for Jewish immigration to Palestine. These groups are

determined not to support any declaration involving the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

During the day various committees were organized, including a committee on Palestine, a committee on post-war problems, and a committee on relief problems. The Conference heard greetings in behalf of the Jews of Palestine delivered by Rabbi Meyer Berlin and Israel Mereminsky. Speaking as authorized delegates of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, the two representatives emphasized that the Jews in Palestine expect that the Conference will not only adopt strongly-worded declarations but will also take effective action. A message of greetings from Dr. Chaim Weizmann was also read.

#### Attitude of Jewish Agency Outlined by Dr. Goldmann

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, greeting the Conference in behalf of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and its president, Dr. Weizmann, said that "the Jewish Agency looks with great hopes and high expectations to the results of the deliberations of the Conference which, we hope, will unite American Jewry in the assumption of its grave responsibilities as the greatest free Jewish Community today and will bring about united action for laying the foundations of the Jewish future."

Arguing in favour of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, Dr. Goldmann pointed out that "whatever else we demand of the world of tomorrow -- equality of rights, protection of minorities, punishment of the criminals -- is not specifically Jewish. It is the application of the elementary principles of democracy to the Jewish people. There is one specific demand we have to make today, and this is the demand to end the anomalous position of the Jewish people and to allow us to live our lives as a normal people. We hope and believe that when the day will come for building the world of tomorrow, we will not remain the one people forgotten and abandoned, but that we will be given what every other people in the world asks for and most of them have -- the opportunity to live among the nations of the world as a free and equal people."

#### Immediate Rescue of European Jews is Asked

Immediate rescue of those European Jews who can still be saved, by admission to Palestine and to other areas under United Nations control was the keynote of the concluding speeches delivered at the morning session. Gedalia H. Bublick, leader of Mizrahi, orthodox wing of the Zionist movement, called for the re-establishment of the Jewish Homeland and State. "The United Nations are fighting for equality of rights. The Jewish people, too demands equality together with all the peoples on God's earth," he said. Mrs. David DeSola Pool, president of Hadassah, stressed the rescue opportunities afforded by Palestine for saving Jewish children from Nazi Europe.

Speaking in the name of the Jewish Labor Committee, Joseph Weinberg, its vice-chairman, called upon the United Nations to re-emphasize their warning to the Nazis that further massacres of Jews would be met by the severest punishment. As immediate measures on behalf of Jews still alive in Nazi Europe he advocated the shipment of food to the ghettos and the opening of areas under United Nations Control to those refugees who might still be able to escape from Axis territory if a haven were available.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking last night, called for other measures to help those Jews remaining in Europe. He advocated a stern warning to Nazi leaders that further Jewish massacres would receive full retribution. He also urged that a program of feeding the Jews in European ghettos be instituted, similar to that employed to aid people of Greece and that the neutral countries of Europe be encouraged to provide temporary asylum for those who can be rescued.

ARAB-JEWISH TENSION GROWS; OUTBREAKS POSSIBLE IN PALESTINE, CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 30.(JTA)-- Arab-Jewish tension in Palestine is growing to a point where it may culminate in an outbreak of civil war, the Cairo correspondent of the London News Chronicle reports today.

The correspondent repeats the usual allegation that "the Jews in Palestine have their own private army which is well organized and well trained." Suspicion prevails, he says, that the Jewish Agency is encouraging the theft of arms, but, he adds, the police have thus far been unable to produce sufficient evidence to warrant any action against leaders of the Jewish Agency.

The London Daily Mail in a cable from Cairo today estimates that the Arabs in Palestine possess about 100,000 rifles and many machine-guns, mortars and hand grenades. The Jews, the cable says, possess about 50,000 rifles, 2,000 machine guns and large quantities of ammunition.

Challenge Government to Produce Guns Allegedly Purchased by Palestine Jews

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30.(JTA)-- Despite the fact that the prosecution is attempting to send Abraham Rachlin and Leib Sirkin, the two defendants in the "arms trial," to prison for life on charges of possessing ammunition and guns sold to them by two British soldiers, it has failed to produce the arms, the defense lawyers charged today. They demanded that the prosecution prove the arms are or were in the possession of Sirkin or Rachlin.

Meanwhile, Rachlin testified that he knew Stoner and Harris, the soldiers, only as passengers in his taxi and denied ever seeing his co-defendant Sirkin except at football games in which the latter participated.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ISSUES STATEMENT OPPOSING JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Aug.30.(JTA)-- A statement appealing to the United Nations to "secure the earliest feasible repatriation or resettlement under the best possible conditions of all peoples uprooted from their homes by the Axis powers" was made public today by the American Council for Judaism, Inc.

"For our fellow-Jews," the statement says, "we ask only this: equality of rights and obligations with their fellow-nationals." Along with this appeal the statement opposes the establishment of a national Jewish state "as a philosophy of defeatism" and expresses the hope "for the ultimate establishment of a democratic, autonomous government in Palestine wherein Jews, Moslems and Christians shall be justly represented; every man enjoying equal rights and sharing equal responsibilities; a democratic government in which our fellow-Jews shall be free Palestinians whose religion is Judaism, even as we are Americans whose religion is Judaism."

The statement was issued as a declaration of principles of the recently organized American Council for Judaism, Inc., formed "to present the views of Americans of Jewish faith on problems affecting the future of world Jewry as well as their own lives in the present hour of world confusion." The Council reaffirms the historic truth that the Jews of the world share common traditions and ethical concepts which find their derivation in the same religious source, the statement said.

Signatories to the statement include Lessing J. Rosenwald, Philadelphia, Frank Sulzberger, Chicago, Dr. Monroe Deutsch, Berkeley, Calif., E.P. Adler, Davenport, Iowa, Joseph M. Bloch, Indianapolis, Dr. M. G. Seelig, St. Louis, Julius L. Stern, Wilkes-Barre, William Frank, Pittsburgh, William Ehrlich, Boston, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, New York, Lincoln Gries, Akron, Ohio, Aaron Straus, Baltimore, George Oppenheimer, Kansas City, Dr. Samuel Goldenson, New York, Rabbi Irving Reichert, San Francisco and others.

JEWISH QUARTER OF PARIS RESEMBLES "DEAD CITY" ESCAPED FRENCHMAN REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA)-- The Jewish quarter of Paris now resembles a "dead city," according to an eyewitness account given the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a Frenchman who has just arrived here. The former residents have either fled to other parts of the city or to the rural districts to escape arrest, he said.

Describing a visit he made to the section of the city extending from the Hotel de Ville to the Place de la Republique, whose narrow streets formerly housed thousands of Jewish homes and shops, the JTA informant said that he only met occasional passers-by and they were usually not Jewish. Most of the stores owned by Jews are shut, he disclosed, while those that remain open are operated by "Aryans." Jewish owned factories which manufactured peace-time needs are closed.

The Jews remaining in the neighborhood stay off the streets as much as possible, he added, leaving their homes only to go to work. The streets are constantly patrolled by German police and French gendarmes. Many of the apartments in which Jews formerly dwelt have been taken over by German officers, he revealed, although a large number are being guarded by friendly concierges who are protecting the property for the Jewish owners whom they hope will soon be enabled to return.

TRANSISTRIAN DEPORTEES BEING AIDED BY LOCAL JEWS BUT LACK FOOD, MEDICINE

GENEVA, Aug. 30. (JTA)-- The plight of the thousands of Rumanian Jews who have been deported to villages in Transistria, in the occupied Ukraine, has been somewhat relieved through the efforts of existing Jewish communal organizations in some of the towns, although starvation and disease are still taken a heavy toll of the deportees, according to a report received by Jewish organizations here today.

In the town of Shargorod there are 5,300 Jews, the report says, of whom 1,800 are natives and the remainder deportees from Bukhovina. Living conditions here are slightly better than in the other communities since the Jews have 400 small houses at their disposal. About 200 skilled workers are employed as shoemakers, tailors, locksmiths and watchmakers, while other able-bodied men are sent to work in the neighboring forests. As a result of the high mortality rate among the deportees, there are 500 orphans in Shargorod, only 150 of whom can be cared for by the community. The other children are dependent for subsistence and shelter on what aid can be given them by the residents of the ghetto. Hygienic conditions in the town are bad. Cases of spotted fever have broken out but there is no hospital to which to send the victims.

In the town of Murafa, the report adds, 4,500 Jews are living. About 800 of these are long-time residents and the others deportees. The Jewish community is headed by Drs. Imer and Weidenfeld who supervise a communal kitchen which distributes 400 meals daily, a small hospital with 25 beds, a school and a kindergarten. At nearby Ginrin there are 4,050 Jews, the report says, three-quarters of whom are deportees. A hospital with 56 beds and two physicians is operated by the Jewish community which also feeds 850 persons daily at a free kitchen. There are 249 orphans in the town for whom there are no facilities. About 500 of the able-bodied Jews work on farms and in return the authorities promised to send 20 truckloads of vegetables to help feed the Jewish population during the summer, but so far only one truckload has been received.

In Lucineti, in the Mohilev district, the report continues, there are 2,897 Jews. A communal kitchen which had been feeding 450 Jews daily was recently forced to close down because it could not secure any food. Despite difficulties, the community has succeeded in setting up a hospital with 16 beds and an orphanage which shelters 116 children.