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LEGALITY OF JEWISH AGENCY'S RECRUITING ACTIVITIES QUESTIONED BY MILITARY OFFICIAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- While Jews in Palestine are enlisting in greater numbers in the British military forces in order to be with the vanguard of the Allied troops that will destroy ghetto walls in liberated European cities, the president of the military tribunal which is conducting the "arms trial," today indicated that military authorities do not like the fact that the recruitment of Jewish volunteers in Palestine is in the hands of recruiting offices of the Jewish Agency.

"In no country is any group allowed to conduct recruiting activities except the lawful government," the president of the court declared during cross-examination by the prosecutor of one of the Jewish defendants, Leib Sirkin.

Major Baxter, the prosecutor, in cross-examining Sirkin, asked who supervises the recruitment of Jewish volunteers in the country. The defendant stated that the recruiting of these volunteers is supervised by the Jewish Agency.

Taking exception to the remark of the president of the court about the legality of the Agency's recruitment activities, Dr. Philip Joseph, lawyer for the defense, emphasized that the Jewish Agency has recruited more than 25,000 Jewish men for the British forces. He dwelt on the internal relations in Palestine and advanced a number of arguments to prove that the Jewish Agency is fully within its rights in conducting the enlistment of Jews as volunteers in the British armed forces.

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the Zionist Actions Committee, which is now meeting here, emphasized the need to revive the demand for a strong Jewish force in view of the preparations of the Allied armies for a large scale offensive against Nazi Europe, and in view of the desire of the Jews to participate in this offensive.

Reporting on his recent visits to Egypt and Turkey, Shertok disclosed that he conferred with important English and Arab personalities on the question of the post-war status of Palestine. He also described the recent trends among the Arabs in Palestine and spoke of the efforts that have been made recently to contact Arab leaders. He strongly condemned the "panic-mongering American and British correspondents" in the Middle East for sending false reports on the situation in Palestine.

RUMANIA ORDERS MOBILIZATION OF JEWISH WOMEN FOR COMPULSORY LABOR

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- Rumanian newspapers reaching here today report that all Jewish women in Rumania between 16 and 60 years of age have been ordered to report for compulsory labor. Those failing to comply with the order will be tried by a military court. Applications for exemptions must be submitted to the authorities through the Central Jewish Committee in Bucharest and its representative in other cities.

The newspapers also carry a report confirming that Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader, has been released from a camp in Transnistria and is now back at his home in Bucharest.

JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK DIES AT 77; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.(JTA)-- Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Free Synagogue here for Judge Julian W. Mack, prominent Jewish leader who retired in 1941 as judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals after a brilliant career of thirty-eight years on the bench. He died at his home at the age of 77.

An exponent of democracy in Jewish community life as well as in national affairs, Judge Mack was an ardent supporter of the American Jewish Congress, and upon its formation in 1917 was elected its first president. He was the first chairman of the Committee of Jewish Delegations at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919 which secured national minority rights for Jews in European countries. Since 1914 he has been closely identified with the Zionist movement and was the president of the Zionist Organization of America from 1918 to 1921, later becoming its honorary president. He twice visited Palestine, and in 1941 a colony in Palestine, Ramath Ha'shofeth, was named in his honor.

Born in San Francisco, Judge Mack was graduated from Harvard University and also studied at the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig. He was a professor of law at Northwestern University and at the University of Chicago, prior to his appointment to the bench.

The full scope of Judge Mack's many-sided interest in Jewish life is indicated by the fact that he was president of the National Conference of Jewish Charities for several years; he was the first president, in 1917, of the national organization of the Y.M.H.A. and the Y.W.H.A.; honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal; president of the Palestine Endowment Fund, Inc., and of the Alexander Kohut Memorial Foundation; chairman of the board of trustees of the Jewish Institute of Religion and a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University and Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. Also, he was honorary president of the American Economic Committee for Palestine and honorary chairman of the American Representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Believed Arab-Jewish Question Can Be Solved; Opposed White Paper

Deeply interested in Jewish life in Palestine, Judge Mack was among the most vigorous opponents of the British White Paper under which Jewish immigration to Palestine is to cease next March. "Leaders of thought and action in Great Britain," he said in a recent statement, "have already protested against the White Paper as being in complete conflict both with the letter and the spirit of the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration. From that paper we must appeal to the inherent sense of justice and fair dealings of the British people. Great Britain has never yet and in my judgement never will proclaim or accept the doctrine that its international undertakings are to be treated as mere scraps of paper."

"The Arab question is capable of solution," Judge Mack said. "The Jew have never desired to dominate, either in Palestine or elsewhere. They have asked only that they be not dominated. If the mandatory power will but carry out the part assigned to it under the letter and the spirit of the Mandate, through officials in Palestine sympathetic thereto, the Jews and the Arabs of the Holy Land will be given the best incentive for full cooperative action."

Judge Mack's guiding credo in his efforts on behalf of the Jews the world over was: "We ask no more for the Jew than we do for anybody else."

SOLDIERS AND JEWISH YOUTHS CLASH IN TEL-AVIV; TWENTY-EIGHT JEWS WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6.(JTA)-- The Tel Aviv municipal council, meeting in closed session last night, adopted a motion expressing its "deep sorrow" at the clashes over the week-end between Allied soldiers and a small group of fanatical Jewish youths who have designated themselves "protectors" of the morals of the young women of the city. Twenty-eight of the youths were injured, five of them seriously enough to require hospitalization.

The council voiced strong condemnation of the assaults and appealed to the residents of the city to assist the municipal authorities in discovering the identity of the assailants. It expressed the hope that the incidents will not be repeated. Civil and military authorities have also been contacted to secure their cooperation in measures to prevent further outbreaks. Prominent leaders of the Yishuv, including rabbis, joined with the municipal council in condemning the clashes.

The disturbances were the culmination of a violent campaign being waged by puritanical youths who allege that the morals of the Jewish girls are being impaired by the soldiers. Recently, the names and photographs of girls accused of going out with soldiers were posted in public places.

GESTAPO KILLS 50 POLICEMEN WHO WITNESSED MASS-EXECUTIONS OF JEWS

LONDON, Sept. 6.(JTA)-- In an attempt to destroy the traces of their crimes, Gestapo authorities in occupied Poland have executed fifty Lithuanian and Ukrainian pro-Nazi policemen in the city of Bynlistok, who witnessed the mass-murder of Jews in that city and who participated in it, Dziennik Polski, organ of the Polish Government-in-exile, reports today.

Dutch circles here reported today that despite the announcement by the Nazis that Holland is completely "judenrein," pro-Nazi elements there arranged a huge anti-Jewish meeting at The Hague at which the audience was told that "the Jew is fighting his last battle" and that "there will no longer be any room for the Jew when Europe is rebuilt under Germany's leadership."

SLOVAK GOVERNMENT BEGINS SALE OF LAND CONFISCATED FROM JEWS

ZURICH, Sept. 6.(JTA)-- The "Land Reform" office of the puppet Slovakian government has begun allotting agricultural holdings confiscated from Jews to local municipalities, which have been instructed to sell the land at auction before October 1, it is reported in Bratislava newspapers received here today. The papers say that demobilized soldiers will be given the first opportunity to purchase the land. About 5,000 or 6,000 acres have already been parcelled out and an additional 11,000 acres will be sold shortly, the reports say.

One of the newspapers, the Gardista, demands that all the Jews remaining in the country be placed under close supervision, if transportation difficulties make it impossible to deport them at the present time. It warns persons friendly to Jews that "they are greatly mistaken" if they think the Jews will protect them if the situation in the country changes, "because they would certainly deport us."

ORGANIZATIONS APPEAL TO PARENTS TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.(JTA)-- Leaders of the principal Jewish religious, fraternal and educational agencies of America united in issuing a call today to Jewish parents to afford their children a Jewish education.

Jewish Education Month beginning September 12 and culminating in Jewish Education Week will mark a period of intensive organization for enrolling a maximum number of boys and girls in the religious schools of America.

NEW ENGLAND ZIONISTS BACK DEMAND FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE

BOSTON, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- Jews will never surrender their "historic claim to Palestine," Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, co-Chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, told 600 delegates assembled at the annual conference of the New England region of the Zionist Organization of America last night. He warned that Jews must not rely solely on appeals for philanthropic aid for refugees to solve the problem of Jewish homelessness.

The meeting adopted a resolution supporting the American Jewish Conference's demand for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and urged implementation of the rescue and rehabilitation program for the Jews of Europe. Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts sent a message urging a self-governing Jewish homeland in Palestine as a guarantee of the four freedoms for homeless Jews.

JEWISH JUDGE NAMED TO SOUTH AFRICAN SUPREME COURT

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- Justice Leopold Greenberg, presiding justice of the Transvaal, has been elevated to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, it was announced today. Justice Greenberg is the first Jew to be named to South Africa's highest court. He is active in Jewish communal affairs, being president of the South African Keren Hayesod and of the Friends of the Hebrew University.

MAIN THROUGHFARE OF TEL AVIV RENAMED FOR USSISHKIN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- One of the main throughfares of this city was today renamed for the late Zionist leader, M.M. Ussishkin, at ceremonies attended by Mayor Rokach, members of the Ussishkin family, and representatives of the Jewish National Fund, which Mr. Ussishkin headed until his death in 1941.

To commemorate the 80th birthday of Ussishkin, the executive board of the JNF voted today to establish an annual award of \$100 for an essay dealing with Zionist history. It was also announced that the annual "Call of the Land" conference will be held in Jerusalem this year on the second anniversary of Ussishkin's death. It is expected that similar meetings will be held by JNF groups in the democratic countries at the same time.

"PRO-PALESTINE COMMITTEE" FORMED IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- A "Pro-Palestine Committee" has been formed in the state of New South Wales, headed by Archbishop Mowll of Sydney and 28 persons prominent in civic and intellectual life here, it was announced today. It is hoped that a federal council, embracing similar committees in other states, will soon be formed.

LEON S. MOISSEIFF, BRIDGE BUILDER AND JEWISH WRITER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA)-- Leon S. Moisseiff, 70, one of the world's leading authorities on bridge construction, who came to this country in 1891 from Kiga as a Jewish immigrant boy, was buried yesterday at the Mt. Hebron cemetery here. He died during the week-end at his summer home, in Belmar, New Jersey.

Moisseiff wrote in the New York Yiddish press under the pen-name M. Leontieff. He built America's biggest bridges and in 1940 was named chairman of a structural steel welding research committee organized by the Engineering Foundation. He is credited, among other things, with having developed the now universally accepted deflection theory of suspension bridges.