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GERMAN DIVE BOMBERS ATTACK BOATS CARRYING JEWS FLEEING ITALY

GENEVA, Sept. 15. (JTA)-- German dive bombers frustrated attempts by Jewish refugees in Italy to flee by sea to Allied ports, the Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, a German news agency, reported today.

A reliable report reaching here today from France confirms the news that Raoul Lambert and Andre Baur, two leaders of the Jews in France, have been arrested. Lambert is held in Marseilles prison and Baur has been sent to the Drancy camp near Paris. Jewish circles in Switzerland fear that both will be deported to Nazi-held territories.

It was reported here today from Upper Silesia that the majority of Jews who were brought there from Western-European countries for forced labor in German mines and factories, have been transported to the industrial city of Zawiercie in Poland and executed in a suburb there. Some Jews, however, are still in Silesia, four hundred of them working as tailors in German military factories in Bendzin.

DEPORTATION OR COMPULSORY LABOR IN GERMANY IS CHOICE GIVEN TO JEWS IN FRANCE

BERN, Sept. 15. (JTA)-- All alien Jews between eighteen and sixty years of age residing in the part of France formerly occupied by Italian troops and now under German occupation have been given the choice of either working in Germany at compulsory labor, or being deported to their countries of origin, the Neue Zurichser Zeitung, a Swiss newspaper, reports today.

"This," the paper adds, "does not mean that French and foreign Jews residing in France are now put on the same footing as Frenchmen who are drafted for work in Germany. French workers who are sent to Germany are still regarded as workers and receive the same treatment as all other foreign laborers in the Reich. This is not the case with the French Jews and the alien Jews who are sent from France to compulsory labor in Germany. They are handed over in France to the German authorities and are at the mercy of the Nazis."

The Swiss press also reports today that French police raided Jewish homes in Vichy and in Lyon, this month and arrested many foreign Jews who were transported to an unknown destination. These measures have been taken under pressure of French anti-Semites who claim that Jews in France are better off than French workers drafted for labor in Germany, the papers say.

The number of Jews deported from Western European countries for compulsory labor in German-held eastern territory is estimated here to be several hundred thousands. Efforts to establish their whereabouts have been fruitless. The only thing known here concerning their fate is that they have "disappeared without leaving any trace." Reports describing conditions of Jews in Eastern Europe indicate that a great number of the deportees are no longer alive, one paper writes.

ANGLO-AMERICAN STATEMENT BANNING DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE REPORTED QUASHED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)--- Zionist leaders here expressed relief today at the news, which reached them indirectly, that the projected joint Anglo-American statement urging the postponement of discussions on Palestine until after the war has been quashed.

A draft of the statement has been on President Roosevelt's desk for some time. The President postponed approval of the text following representations made to him by Dr. Stephen S. Wise in behalf of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

While reports from Cairo stated that Col. Harold B. Hoskins, a special envoy of President Roosevelt, is now on his way back to the United States after delivering a letter from the President to King Ibn Saud which may have a bearing on Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine, it was learned here today that the Emergency Committee this week dispatched a special representative to Palestine, to study the situation there on the spot. The name of this representative will probably not be made public until he reaches Palestine.

In addition to this American-born Zionist leader who is authorized to speak in the name of all Zionist groups in the United States, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the head of the Zionist political office in Washington, is also expected to leave for Palestine in the near future.

Information reaching here from Cairo states that a representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine met in Cairo with important Arab leaders who are negotiating with Britain on the question of the formation of a pan-Arab federation. The nature of the conversations between the Jewish and the Arab representatives is not disclosed, but it was indicated that high Allied officials in Cairo have taken an interest in them.

SECRETARY OF WAR DECLINES TO OUST POLISH ANTI-SEMITES FROM U.S. ARMY SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)--- Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has found "no sufficient reason" for ousting from the Army's School of Military Government the Polish politician, Major Michael Grazynski, who was charged with having an anti-Jewish and anti-democratic record while serving as governor of the province of Silesia, in Poland, it was learned here today. Mr. Stimson came to this conclusion following an investigation by "an appropriate agency of the War Department" to which he had referred the complaints against Grazynski.

Secretary Stimson's decision was disclosed in a letter addressed to Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York who asked for an investigation of the Grazynski case. The letter, dated Sept. 6, read:

"I wish to advise you that after consideration of pertinent information available to the War Department, it was concluded that no sufficient reason existed for relieving Major Grazynski from duty as a student at the School of Military Government. Major Grazynski's status was merely that of a student at the School of Military Government, to which he was admitted at the request and upon the nomination of the Polish Government-in-Exile. He completed the course of instruction there with his class during the month of August and reverted to the position he occupied before entering the school. He holds no position in the Army of the United States, nor, so far as is known to the War Department, in any other branch of our Government.

PRESIDENT CONFIRMS DECREE ALLOWING JEWISH CHILDREN FROM FRANCE TO ENTER ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The Foreign Ministry of Argentina this week notified the Hias-Ica office there that the decree promulgated by the former President of the Republic allowing the entry into Argentina of 1,000 Jewish refugee children from France has been confirmed by the new President.

A cable received today by the Hias-Ica office in New York from its committee in Buenos Aires says that the Foreign Ministry at the same time emphasized that the decree will remain in force until the end of this year.

Dr. Saenz Brione, chief of the Consular Department of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, also informed the Hias-Ica office in Buenos Aires that the Argentine ambassador in Vichy has intervened for the second time with the French authorities, in order to obtain exit visas for these children. According to the latest information, the children in question are sheltered inOSE homes in the vicinity of Pau, Nice and Lyon.

MASARYK HAILS AMERICAN "MELTING POT" AS IDEAL TREATMENT OF MINORITY PROBLEM

LONDON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The American "melting pot" in which immigrants of all races and religions are transformed into loyal citizens of the United States, despite any racial or language differences, was hailed as a model of democracy by Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, delivering the annual Lucien Wolf memorial lecture here last night.

Discussing the contributions of Czech Jews to literature, art, science, industry and commerce before the Nazi occupation, Mr. Masaryk said they were "admirable citizens." He described the Czech minority policy under which Jews had the right to constitute themselves an ethnic minority, and pointed out that under this regulation more than half of the Czech Jews declared themselves to be members of the "Jewish nationality." He paid tribute to the Jews' loyalty to Czechoslovakia and expressed the hope that his country would soon be liberated.

EARTHQUAKE DRIVES RESIDENTS OF TEL AVIV FROM HOMES; BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN JENIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- An earthquake which destroyed several buildings in northern Palestine and drove the inhabitants of Tel Aviv from their homes occurred over the week-end according to London broadcasts reported by the Office of War Information today.

The earth tremors were felt in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Nablus and Nazareth, the broadcasts said. In Jenin, in the northern part of the country, many buildings were destroyed.

ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE HUNGARIAN JEWS ADHERE TO "JEWISH NATIONALITY"

ZURICH, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- One out of every five Hungarian Jews declared that they adhered to the "Jewish nationality" when queried during the official census of 1941, according to statistics made public in Budapest this week and appearing in Hungarian newspapers received here.

While 724,000 persons, or 4.9 percent of the population, declared that they were of the "Jewish religion," 150,000 of them said that they were of "Jewish nationality." Of this latter group many reported that Yiddish or Hebrew was their native tongue.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF FOOD PARCELS FROM UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The World Jewish Congress today announced that its headquarters here has received letters from Jewish refugees in Russia expressing gratitude for food and clothing parcels sent to them by relatives and friends in the United States.

"These letters," the announcement said, "are either sent directly to the United States by the grateful recipients of the parcels, or to the Teheran office of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which cooperates with the New York bureau of the World Jewish Congress in this parcel-sending service."

"The World Jewish Congress has been of assistance to the Agudath Israel, Union of Latvian Jews, Representation of Polish Jews, Association of Refugees from Poland, Union of Grand Rabbis, and a number of other organizations, in the transmission of food and clothing parcels to their respective memberships or compatriots in Russia," the announcement added. "Aside from these various organizations in North America, the World Jewish Congress affiliates in 18 different Latin American countries have been availing themselves of this service instituted by the Congress, which has compiled a list of approximately 10,000 names of Jewish refugees."

JUSTICE SAMUEL ROSENMAN NAMED AS LEGAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- Justice Samuel Rosenman of the New York State Supreme Court has resigned his post to become legal adviser to President Roosevelt, the President announced at his press conference yesterday.

In making the announcement, Roosevelt said Judge Rosenman would assist him in the growing volume of quasi-legal matters being added to the duties of the Chief Executive, particularly in cases involving the draft deferment of federal employees and in reviewing court martial cases.

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON ADDRESSES MEETING OF SYNAGOGUE FEDERATION

LONDON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- For the first time in the history of the Jewish community of London's East End, the Lord Mayor of the city today addressed a Jewish meeting here. The mayor, Sir Samuel Joseph, spoke at a meeting of the Federation of Synagogues, appealing to the Jewish community to uphold the enviable reputation it has gained. Other speakers at the meeting expressed satisfaction at the fact that a Jew was elected Lord Mayor of London at a time when Jewry is ostracized throughout most of Europe.

The executive council of the British Zionist Federation today unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its satisfaction at the adoption by the American Jewish Conference of a resolution supporting the demand for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The council expressed the hope that British Jewry will take similar action.

U.S. MARINE CORPS GETS ITS FIRST JEWISH CHAPLAIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The first Jewish chaplain to serve with the United States Marine Corps, Chaplain Leon Wolf Rosenberg, this week reported for duty at a West Coast station, the Jewish Welfare Board announced today.

Heretofore, Jewish servicemen in the Marines have been served by either Navy chaplains or civilian rabbis in communities adjacent to Marine Corps bases. Chaplain Rosenberg's appointment brings the number of rabbis serving with the armed forces to 189, of whom 25 are in the Navy.