

GERMANS ANXIOUS OVER NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS; JEW KILLS HIGH NAZI OFFICIAL

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- With German armies retreating on the Russian front and with the Anglo-American armies smashing the German positions in Italy, anxiety is growing among the civilian population of Germany as to the consequences of the relentless Nazi extermination of Jews, reports reaching here through neutral countries indicate.

In an attempt to counter-act this anxiety which is especially noticeable in provincial towns, the German Ministry of Propaganda has distributed an article to the provincial press warning against the spread of "pro-Jewish defeatism," and emphasizing that the Nazi fight against the Jews must continue unabated.

"Some say," the article declares, "that if National-Socialist Germany would not have tried to solve the Jewish problem with such harsh measures, world Jewry would not have fought against the Reich. This is nothing but ignorant talk which must be combatted."

London newspapers today report that Wilhelm Fritsch, Nazi Attorney General in Koenigsberg who was entrusted with the liquidation of the Jewish ghettos in occupied Poland, was killed by a Jew during the battle between Jews and Nazi troops in the Bialystock ghetto. Fritsch had ordered the confiscation of Jewish property and ordered Jews in Bialystock tried on charges of sabotage.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY IN ALSIERS WILL DECIDE FATE OF CREMIEUX DECREE

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The question of whether the Jews in Algeria shall have their full pre-war rights restored through reinstatement of the Cremieux Decree which was abrogated by Gen. Giraud, will be discussed by the French National Consultative Assembly, which will meet in November, it was stated today by authoritative French sources.

The entire question is at present in the hands of Gen. Catroux, French Governor-General in charge of Islamic Affairs, who is pursuing a policy of conciliation towards the Moslems. It is not believed that he is likely to suggest restoration of the Cremieux Decree.

It was emphasized in French circles here today that whatever Gen. Catroux's attitude towards the Cremieux Decree may be, he will have to submit a report on this question for a full-fledged debate in the Assembly. The Assembly will then formulate its recommendation to the committee of National Liberation. Though it is known that Gen. Charles DeGaulle supports the demand for the restoration of the Cremieux Decree, it is too early to predict what the decision of the Committee of National Liberation will be, it was pointed out here today.

FRENCH POLICE WARNED IN BBC BROADCAST NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSECUTION OF JEWS

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- French police were warned today not to participate in the persecution of the Jews on pain of death after France is liberated.

In a French-language broadcast on the BBC, in which details of the deportation of French Jews to Poland from an internment camp in the Loiret Department, were given, the police were told that "great hatred is growing against you for your helping the Germans. It is for you to demonstrate your patriotism. Otherwise when 'the day' comes there cannot be any pity for you. You should know that your life depends on your attitude."

The broadcast said that recently police participated in loading hundreds of Jews confined in the Bon La Holland camp into freight cars, which were transported to Poland. Sixty persons were crowded into each car, which was then sealed. Only 200 litres of water and a small amount of food was allotted to each car for the two-week journey. A doctor who was present at the deportations is reported to have stated that twenty-five percent of the deportees would either be dead or insane before their arrival in Poland.

ANTI-SEMITES IN ALGERIA STILL ACTIVE; SAY U.S. ARMY INSIGNIAS ARE MOGEN DAVIDS

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Small secret groups of anti-Semites who were forced underground by the new regime are still active in Algeria, an Allied observer who just returned from North Africa told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The JTA informant said that these agitators point to the stars on United States Army cars and tell anyone who will listen to them; "There's the Jewish star. Now you know for whom this war is being fought, for whom we're invited to fight." Most of the anti-Semites, he declared, are supporters of Petain who hope that Vichy will soon again regain North Africa.

BRITISH CONFERENCE CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO OUTLAW ANTI-SEMITISM

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Representatives of 89 religious, labor and political organizations meeting here today at a Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism adopted a resolution calling on the government to make the spreading of racialist propaganda a criminal offense.

The 150 delegates expressed disappointment at the failure of the Bermuda Conference to take concrete action to aid the Jews in Europe, and urged the British Government to grant block visas to refugees and to lift the immigration restrictions in Palestine.

Dr. C.J. Wright, president of the Manchester Free Church General Council, told the delegates that anti-Semitism was in fundamental opposition to the British sense of justice and liberty.

ARAB LEAGUE IN AMERICA ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN AGAINST ZIONIST ACTIVITIES

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The League of Arab-Americans for the Defense of Democracy today announced that it intends to launch from here a campaign against the Zionist movement in the United States and to present to the American public "the aspirations of the Arabic nations as well as proof of the danger of Zionist propaganda." The motto of the organization is "The Arab countries for the Arabs."

CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN RUMANIA COMPLETED, MINISTER ANNOUNCES

BERN, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The confiscation of Jewish property in Rumania, which began in 1940, has now been completed, it is reported in the Swiss press today quoting a statement issued by the Rumanian Labor Minister Danilescu.

The St. Gallen Tageblatt, a Swiss newspaper, in an editorial voicing sympathy for the Jews of Rumania, estimates that of the 800,000 Jews who resided in Rumania before the war, more than 200,000 are now in the part of Transylvania annexed by Hungary from Rumania. Another 200,000 Jews, mostly residents of Bessarabia, fled to Russia prior to the re-occupation of that Rumanian province by German-Rumanian troops. Of the remaining 400,000 Jews in Rumania proper, only about 275,000 are left alive, the paper writes, emphasizing that many of these Jews are held in special camps and forced to do compulsory labor.

THOUSANDS OF YUGOSLAV JEWS FIGHTING WITH GUERRILLAS

ZURICH, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Several thousand Jewish men and women are fighting with the Yugoslav guerrilla armies, according to a detailed review of the situation of the Jews in Yugoslavia received today from a reliable source.

The report says that these thousands, together with other thousands in internment and labor camps and a small number remaining in the larger cities total about 17,000, all that remains of the 75,000 who dwelt in Yugoslavia before the Nazi occupation of the country. About 15,000 fled to Adriatic ports in Italy.

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE LAUDED BY BRIG. GEN. HINES

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Two thousand Jewish war veterans and members of the ladies auxiliaries of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States gathered today at the opening of the 48th national convention of the JWV, which will continue through Sunday.

"The tremendous part that those of Jewish faith have played in the drama of American independence" was stressed by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veteran Affairs, in an address prepared for delivery before the convention tomorrow.

"The history of Jewish patriotism and valor in America is well known to me," Gen. Hines declared. "History reminds us of the unselfish service and patriotic devotion of Americans of the Jewish faith to our country, who love America better than their own lives. In all the wars of our republic, your co-religionists have made splendid contributions to our Armed Forces, and the present war is no exception. Your roster lists the names of some of America's outstanding heroes."

Gen. Hines praised the record of the Jewish War Veterans in recent months, citing their donation of several fighter planes and ambulances to the army, their purchase of war bonds, and their Red Cross and civilian defense work. He outlined to the veterans the plans being made for the training and care of demobilized soldiers.

NAZIS CHANGE NAMES OF ALL STREETS IN HOLLAND NAMED FOR JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- All streets in Holland that were named for Jews have been renamed by Nazi-appointed burgomasters, the Deutsche Zeitung Die Nederlanden reports, listing the streets with their old and new names.

AMERICAN JEWISH SQUADRON NAVIGATOR RETURNS ON FURLOUGH WITH ELEVEN DECORATIONS

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Lt. Harold L. Fuchsmann, a twenty-five year old Chicago graduate of the University of Illinois, and leading navigator of a squadron of six Flying Fortresses, has returned home on a furlough with eleven medals, including the Distinguished Flying Medal and the Air Medal. He has been in service more than two and a half years. One citation which he received stresses the fact that his was the only bomber ever to make "a record of 50 consecutive, completed sorties, each directly to the target and return, without deviation from course."

Operating in the African theatre, Fuchsmann's Fortress, the "Wahoc," went through 440 hours of flying time with its original four engines and its initial crew of ten intact, every man making every mission without a single replacement. "We bombed a dozen ports in North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily, Naples, Genoa, Spezia, and other Italian cities," Lieutenant Fuchsmann said. "We sank two Italian cruisers between Corsica and Sardinia and a battleship off Spezia. On land we hit all kinds of installations. We could do it," he stressed, "only because every man was in there trying all the time."

J.W.B. SENDS RABBI BRICKNER ON RELIGIOUS MISSION TO JEWISH SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner will leave for overseas shortly on a religious mission to visit the Jewish chaplains and Jewish men in service in the various theatres of operation, it was announced yesterday by Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Rabbi Brickner's trip will be made with the official authorization of the War Department and the approval of President Roosevelt, and he will be accompanied by a military aide.

Rabbi Brickner is administrative chairman of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities, through which the Jewish Welfare Board recruits and gives ecclesiastical endorsement to rabbis who desire to serve as Jewish chaplains in the Army or Navy. The Committee is made up of rabbinical representatives of Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Jewry.

MIZRACHI LABORITE PARTY OPENS THREE-DAY CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The 20th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, the Orthodox Zionist Laborite Party, opened here today at the Hotel New Yorker to discuss the political situation of Zionism at the present time, the question of aid to Jews in Europe, and cultural problems of Jewish religious youth in the United States.

The convention, which will last three days, will also consider problems concerning the development of religious labor in Palestine and the support of the Jewish underground movement in Nazi-occupied countries.

NO TEST BLACKOUTS DURING JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS, GOVERNOR DEWEY ORDERS

ALBANY, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Acting upon the request of rabbinical leaders that nothing be done to interfere with Jewish religious services on the forthcoming Jewish High Holidays, Governor Dewey today announced that no test blackouts will be held in the State of New York during the holidays which begin on September 29.