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They state that the German military authorities have arrested Jews in the cities of Odense, Aalborg, Helsingor and Svendborg, and are continuing to round up Jews in Copenhagen. The Nazis have, at the same time, published a list of sixteen Copenhagen Jews whose property they ordered confiscated on charges that they had engaged in sabotage against the Germans.

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PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DOMINATED ARMS TRIAL, DEFENSE CHARGES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- The trial of two Palestine Jews on charges of smuggling guns and ammunition has been held in an atmosphere of prejudice marked by insinuations against Jewish institutions, it was charged yesterday by Dr. Philip Joseph, attorney for Leib Sirkin, one of the defendants, in summing up the case for his client.

During his all-day summation, Dr. Joseph was frequently interrupted by the president of the military court, which is hearing the charges, who counselled the attorney against injecting political issues into the trial. Replying to one protest, Dr. Joseph said that he was quite willing to dispense with political discussions, but pointed to the fact that political issues had first been injected by the prosecutor, Major Baxter, who had introduced the names of various Jewish organizations.

Dr. Joseph stated that the trial had been staged at an "unhappy hour," since it had been immediately preceded by the conviction of Stoner and Harris, the two British soldiers from whom Sirkin and Abraham Rachlin, the other defendant, are alleged to have purchased arms. Challenging the testimony given in the present trial by Stoner and Harris, the defense attorney asked that the court refuse to credit it, since it had been filled with contradictions and neither of the soldiers had been able to positively identify Sirkin as the man with whom they dealt.

Referring to the Haganah organization, the Jewish self-defense group, whose name has figured prominently in the trial, Dr. Joseph admitted that it possessed arms, but denied that these had been stolen from the army. He stressed that the Haganah had been established to defend the lives of Jewish families and alleged that in places where the organization did not function, such as in the colony of Tiberias, the Jews had been mercilessly slaughtered.

Emphasizing that Sirkin was of good character and had never been in trouble before, the defense attorney declared that it was unthinkable that a Jew would steal arms from the fighting forces, since "from 1933 Jews throughout the world have been fighting the enemy of the United Nations." The prosecutor will conclude his summation today, after which the court will adjourn to consider its decision.

POLISH "DEATH CAMP" BURNT DOWN BY REVOLTING JEWS, MANY FLEE, UNDERGROUND REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- The entire Treblinka "death camp" in Poland has been burnt down by revolting Jews, according to latest reports of the uprising broadcast yesterday by the underground Polish radio SWIT. Earlier this week, the Polish Government was informed that a revolt had broken out in the camp and many buildings were set afire, but up until yesterday no further details were available. The Polish broadcaster stated that many Jews at Treblinka utilized the confusion ensuing from the conflagration to escape.

At a press conference here, in connection with the day of protest at the killing of thousands of children in Poland which will be observed on Sunday, Polish Minister of Labor Jan Stanczyk declared that during the liquidation of the ghettos in Poland thousands of Jewish children had perished side by side with their parents. Meanwhile, it was learned today that discussions between the British and the Polish governments concerning the possibility of sending food to the starving population of the country have been discontinued since the British believe the plan is impractical.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF BODY TO CURB INFLATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- Taking official cognizance of the extremely high cost of living prevailing throughout Palestine, the government today issued a communique stating that it is taking steps to curb inflation.

The government statement announced that an advisory council will be formed, on which representatives of the public will serve. This body will be asked to frame legislation designed to halt the constant rise in prices.

Last month the government appointed a standing committee to advise it on the utilization of subsidies and the controlled sale of essential commodities in order to roll back living costs.

SLOVAKIAN JEWS CROWD STREETS UPON HEARING NEWS OF ALLIED VICTORIES, NAZIS CHARGE

ZURICH, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- Slovakian Jews, with broad smiles on their faces, jam the streets every time news of an important Allied victory filters into the country, and are instrumental in spreading the speeches of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin, the German press in Slovakia charges in angry editorials demanding that the remaining Jews be deported.

An editorial in one of the Nazi papers received here today states: "The most dangerous Jews remain in the country, wandering the streets unhindered without wearing Stars of David. After Stalingrad, after every raid on German cities, after the fall of Sicily, the Jews crowded the streets and squares grinning shamelessly and telling the people about the enemy's broadcasts, manufacturing rumors and spreading every speech made by Roosevelt, Churchill or Stalin. They are undermining the people's confidence in the future; turn them out." In recent weeks, as Allied victories mount, the Slovakian press has displayed great nervousness concerning the population's attitude toward the Jews, and has reiterated time and again that if the United Nations win, the Jews will exact a terrible "revenge."

The Czech Protectorate press reaching here today reports that an additional 59 Jews have been deprived of Czech citizenship and have had their property confiscated. No reason for the denaturalizations are given.

LIBERATION OF OPPRESSED JEWS NEAR SAYS AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- As the United Nations enter the fifth year of the war, the defeat of the Axis powers and the liberation of the oppressed peoples, including millions of Jews, looms on the horizon, Prime Minister John Curtin stated today in a message issued to the Jewish community on the occasion of Rosh Hashonah.

"When I penned a message to the Jewish community a year ago, the cause of the United Nations had experienced three years of setbacks as a result of which many peoples were enslaved and among them many of the Jewish faith," the Prime Minister's message states. "Now the United Nations are entering the fifth year of the war with victory in sight. Our cause goes forward and the liberation of the oppressed people is near. To all of you I say: Face the future with confidence and determination."

BRITONS FAVOR STEPS TO AID EUROPEAN JEWS; SAYS REP. ROGERS; ASKS U.S. TO ACT

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- The British people, the average English worker and soldier, are shocked by the situation of the Jews in Europe and would enthusiastically welcome any measures taken to relieve their plight, Congressman Will Rogers Jr., California Democrat, declared today at a press conference here following his return from Britain where he saw high British officials and Jewish leaders on behalf of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

Rep. Rogers said that he feels, however, that it is up to our own Government to take the initiative and to institute proper action to save the helpless Jews of Europe, and that "it is up to the American people to see to it, without fail and without delay, that the Government does not continue to ignore this problem." He also expressed the opinion that many British statesmen are dissatisfied with the Government policy which rigidly restricts Jewish immigration to Palestine.

ARMY AND NAVY COMMANDERS GREET JEWISH SERVICEMEN ON OCCASION OF NEW YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- New Year greetings to Jewish men and women in the armed forces from the commanders of the principal army posts throughout the nation were made public here today by the Jewish Welfare Board.

The majority of the messages express the hope that the coming year will bring victory to the forces of the United Nations and also pay tribute to the fighting qualities of the Jewish people. Among the officers who have issued Rosh Hashonah greetings to the troops under their command are Brig. Gen. Walter Roulton, Brig. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Brig. Gen. E. W. Duncan, Brig. Gen. Rollin L. Tilton and Rear Admiral Thomas Withars.

INTERRACIAL CONFERENCE WILL CONSIDER MEANS OF ERADICATING RACIAL TENSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- An "Interracial Conference" to consider specific proposals for the prevention of racial tension and outbreaks will be held here tomorrow at the Hotel Edison. The conference is being sponsored by the Council Against Intolerance in America.

Following a general discussion, the meeting will divide into five panels which will take up various aspects of the racial problem: The Armed Forces, Education and Recreation, Employment, Housing and Press. Prominent educators, trade unionists and editors will participate in the discussions. Alfred L. Bernheim of the American Jewish Committee will be one of the speakers at the panel on employment.

PALESTINE B'NAI B'RITH INSCRIBES NAME OF HENRY MONSKY IN GOLDEN BOOK

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24.(JTA)-- The Palestine lodge of the B'nai B'rith has inscribed the name of Henry Monsky, president of the American B'nai B'rith in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book in Jerusalem in "recognition of his inspiring leadership of the recent American Jewish Conference," it was announced here today.

At the same time it was announced that a conference of Jewish authors will be held next month to issue a call to intellectuals throughout the world to support Jewish national aspirations in Palestine.