

SWEDISH PRESS BACKS OFFER TO RECEIVE DANISH JEWS; DEPORTATION SHIPS AT COPENHAGEN

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- Strong support for the Swedish Government's offer to receive all 6,000 Jews from Denmark is voiced today in every Stockholm newspaper, reflecting the public's sympathy for the Danish Jews who face deportation and death. Whether the Nazi government will accept the Swedish proposal and what steps Sweden is prepared to take if her offer is ignored or rejected are not known. A spokesman for the foreign ministry refused to predict what his government's next step would be.

An official Swedish broadcast last night stated that three German ships are lying in the Copenhagen roadsteads and are, presumably, intended for use as transports to carry the Jews to Germany from where they would probably be shipped to Poland. Danish circles here have been informed that the arrests of Copenhagen Jews began on Friday, during the Rosh Hashonah services, with Gestapo squads roaming the streets and invading synagogues. The Gestapo agents are understood to be using files seized from the Jewish community offices on August 29 to facilitate the rounding up of all the Jews in the country.

Only a few hundred Danish Jews have succeeded in reaching Sweden since the Germans proclaimed state of emergency in Denmark last month. Many others are reported to be attempting to escape in small rowboats, although Nazi patrol vessels have established a virtual blockade around Denmark. Several small boats carrying Jewish families are reported to have been sunk. A report received today states that the Nazis have ordered all small boats confiscated in order to prevent the escape of any more Jews. Some families who were unable to flee the country are being hidden in the homes of Danish patriots, the report says.

In the last two days 2,000 Gestapo agents and 600 S.S. men have arrived in Denmark to complete the round-up of the Jews and to quell internal disturbances, according to another report reaching here. This report states that the Gestapo is being assisted by the Danish quisling "Frikorps."

The Nazi-controlled Copenhagen radio last night announced that when the "elimination" of all Jews in Denmark is completed, the Danish soldiers who were arrested for resisting the Nazis will be released. It is believed that the promise to release the imprisoned Danes was made in the hope of pacifying the Danish population which is aroused at the treatment of the Jews.

FIERCE BATTLES BETWEEN JEWS AND GESTAPO UNITS RAGING IN LODZ AND BIALYSTOK

GENEVA, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- Thousands of Jews and many Germans are reported today to have been killed in street battles in the Polish cities of Lodz and Bialystok, where the German authorities last week began "liquidating" nearly half a million ghetto residents, consisting mostly of Jews deported from Western Europe and Nazi-occupied Soviet territory.

At Lodz, the report said, there were approximately 300,000 Jews deported from Germany and Western-European countries, while in Bialystok there were more

than 100,000 Jews from Byelorussia and other parts of occupied Russia.

Ghetto residents obtained machine-guns and used them against the Nazi Elite Guard militia and Gestapo detachments when these arrived to carry out another of the massacres which have become a regular practice of the German occupational authorities in Poland. Non-Jewish residents of the cities joined the Jews in battling the Germans, the report declared. The ghettos were destroyed completely, but fighting continues elsewhere in the cities.

In the Lublin district, thousands of young Jews in labor camps set the buildings afire and fled to the forests to join Polish guerrillas. Thirty thousand Jews are reported to be prisoners in the concentration camp at Oswiecim.

German newspapers reaching here today from Poland indicate that the Lodz ghetto had become a "center of attraction" for German visitors from the Reich. Cab drivers in the city induced visitors to drive to the ghetto, telling them that "no place in Lodz is as interesting as the ghetto," the papers report.

ASPERSIONS AGAINST YISHUV DENOUNCED BY BEN-ZVI; DENIES JEWS PREPARING RIOTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- In connection with the session of the Jewish National Assembly which is meeting tomorrow to draw up an official statement of the Yishuv on the recent arms trial, Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, today denounced the "slandorous aspersions which have been spread throughout the world in the past few months against the Yishuv and its institutions - the Jewish Agency and the Histadruth - which have created the impression that the Yishuv is preparing riots in Palestine." Tomorrow's session of the Assembly will be addressed only by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency, after which the body will adopt several resolutions.

Chief Rabbi Herzog today wired the Histadruth, expressing regret at the "baseless" attacks on that organization and stressing its contributions to the war effort. At Heifa, the Jewish Labor Council adopted a resolution declaring that the conviction of Rachlin and Sirkis, the two defendants in the arms trial, was a verdict aimed at the entire Yishuv. Other Jewish groups voiced similar sentiments and special meetings of leading institutions will be held shortly to discuss the situation.

WORSHIPPERS CROWD WAILING WALL; JEWISH SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED DURING ROSH HASHONAH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- More than 10,000 Jewish worshippers thronged the area around the Wailing Wall during Rosh Hashonah observances here as other thousands jammed all synagogues to pray and hear sermons asking for the liberation of the Jews in Europe.

Special receptions were arranged here and in Tel Aviv for Jewish soldiers of all the Allied armies stationed in the Middle East who were given holiday leaves.

Allied Servicemen Fill English Synagogues

LONDON, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- More than half of all the men who attended Rosh Hashonah services in the synagogues throughout England were in uniform, it was estimated here today. Among the servicemen were many Jewish soldiers and officers from the United States and Canada.

A large number of Jewish soldiers celebrated Rosh Hashonah in the Kirkwall Cathedral on Orkney Island. The Jewish soldiers, brought to the New Year services from all over the island, were the guests of the Christian community.

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL OPENS FIGHT AGAINST WHITE PAPER; APPEALS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- The American Zionist Emergency Council, composed of representatives of all Zionist groups, today addressed an appeal to the United States Government asking it to intervene to secure suspension of the British White Paper which closes the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration in April 1944.

In making this appeal, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the executive committee of the Council, said that American Jews will be mobilized in a battle to smash the White Paper which "erects an illegal wall about Palestine." He denounced the document as "the greatest miscarriage of justice in our day and the most brazen repudiation of the sanctity of covenants."

The appeal to the United States Government to intervene for the abandonment of the White Paper points out that the Zionist claims are based on four points:

"1. The solemn covenant contained in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine is founded on the inalienable right of the Jewish people, based on an unbroken historic connection, to reconstitute their national home in Palestine.

"2. By international Convention of 1924, Great Britain may make no changes in the status of Palestine without the consent of the United States Government. The White Paper is a complete reversal of Palestine's status and is therefore a clear violation of Great Britain's covenant with the United States.

"3. It is repugnant to the concept of the Four Freedoms that Palestine should become the one land on earth, outside Axis-dominated nations, where, by specific legislation, Jews are to be denied admission.

"4. In the face of the disasters that have befallen the Jews of Europe under Hitler, it is unconscionable that they should be deprived of the hope of eventually finding peace and freedom in the future Jewish Commonwealth."

"The American Zionist Emergency Council will mobilize all the energies and resources of American Jewry during the next seven months to prevent the greatest miscarriage of justice in our day and the most brazen repudiation of the sanctity of covenants," Dr. Silver said. "The United Nations, led by our own government, have continuously expressed their sympathy for the Jewish people in its intolerable plight under Hitler. To close the doors of Palestine by implementing the White Paper would be to deny the last avenue of escape for the trapped and helpless victims of Nazi terror. It would mock the dead and scorn the living.

"We have every hope that with the sympathy of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and with the active support of freedom-loving men everywhere in the democratic world, this blow to the Jewish people and to fundamental human justice will be averted," Dr. Silver concluded.

Britain Considering Establishment of Jewish Army for Burma Front

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- The Chicago Sun, in a cable from London, reports that Britain is considering creation of a Jewish army of possibly one or more divisions assigned to help drive the Japanese from Burma, it was learned here.

"The idea, which has found favor in certain responsible military quarters, is that the Jewish soldiers would be recruited mainly from the British Army in the Middle East, especially Palestine," the cable says. "Included among those who might volunteer would be Jews from Algeria, whom Gen. Giraud refuses to admit into French combat units. Jewish formations drawn from the Middle East would be brigaded into a special army under their own Palestinian flag. Enlistment might be thrown open throughout the British Empire and possibly to U.S. Jewish Troops."

SONS OF KING IBN SAUD WELCOMED TO WASHINGTON AS GUESTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- Prince Faisal, foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, and his brother, Prince Khalid, the sons of King Ibn Saud, have arrived here as the guests of the U.S. Government and will remain in Washington for four days during which they will confer with President Roosevelt and high officials of the State Department. They were greeted upon their arrival by Adolf A. Berle, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State.

While the question of Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine may be touched upon during the discussions with the Arab dignitaries, it is understood that Faisal will not be approached by Zionist leaders in America unless the State Department takes the initiative of arranging a meeting between the Arab princes and representatives of the Zionist movement here. It is also understood that the Arabian delegation is not expected to make any anti-Zionist statements during its stay in the United States.

From Washington the two members of the Arabian Royal family will proceed to New York where they will spend four days prior to their departure for Arizona to study irrigation methods there with a view of applying them to Saudi Arabia whose climatic conditions are similar to those of Arizona. After a stay of about two months in the United States, Faisal and his entourage will leave for London, it was stated here today.

LEADER OF ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN CANADA FREED BY COURT

MONTREAL, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- Rene Bolduc, alleged instigator of an anti-Semitic riot at the Canadian summer resort of Plage Laval on July 26, during which many Jews were seriously injured, has been freed. The case against Bolduc and Andre Bigras, another defendant, was dismissed by the Recorders Court at Plage Laval on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction in criminal cases, that the disturbances occurred outside the city limits, and, lastly, that the two accused acted in self-defense.

The Recorder expressed the opinion that the outbreak did not constitute a race riot. The Canadian Jewish Congress, however, has stated that in its opinion the Plage Laval disturbances were definitely anti-Jewish riots. At court hearings last month, a constable testified that Bolduc and his companions deliberately instigated the fracas by assaulting several Jews.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD HERE FOR NAHUM ARONSON, FAMED JEWISH SCULPTOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.(JTA)-- Funeral services were held here today for Nahum Aronson, 71, famous Jewish sculptor, who came to this country from France in 1940. Among the speakers at the funeral chapel were Raoul Aglion, secretary of the Fighting French delegation here, Henri Torres, Paul Jacob, Pierre Weil and other prominent French Jews. An official French spokesman stated that after the war the French Government would undoubtedly wish to transport the sculptor's body for final interment in France, where he lived for 50 years after leaving Russia, the country of his birth.

A prolific artist, Mr. Aronson maintained six galleries in Paris before the Nazi invasion. He designed the fountain which stands in the Place de la Concorde in Paris, and the statue of Ludwig Beethoven which was placed at the entrance of the composer's home in Bonn, Germany. A plaque, depicting France and her colonies, won him a second citation of the Legion of Honor in 1937. Other works of Mr. Aronson were added to the collections in the Luxembourg, the Trocadero, the Museo Colonial and the National Library in Paris. Some are on display in museums in London, Dublin, Lisbon and other European capitals.