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GERMANS IMPOSE COLLECTIVE FINE ON JEWS OF ROME; ANTI-JEWISH TERROR MOUNTS

LONDON, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- A collective fine of fifty kilograms of gold has been imposed on the Jewish population of Rome by the German military authorities, the Reuter news agency reported today. It adds that Pope Pius XII contributed a considerable amount to the Jewish community to enable it to pay the fine which was demanded as ransom for 100 Jewish hostages. The report further reveals that after receiving the gold, the Nazis refused to release the 100 prisoners.

London newspapers report today from Switzerland that the Gestapo has arrested all the Jews in the Italian cities of Bellagio, Aronno and Sestocalende. Jews have also been arrested in Varese where their property was confiscated. Many dead Jews were found in the forest near Lake Maggiore with their faces burned in order to prevent their identification.

The Fascist radio in Northern Italy announced that new laws will be issued by the Fascist government "to prevent Jews from damaging national interests." The Nazi-controlled radio has also begun broadcasting anti-Jewish propaganda at regular intervals, sandwiched in between other program items. A proclamation broadcast today said: "The Jews are the enemy of our race and of our freedom. The Jew has no fatherland. Italians, don't forget this."

Italian newspapers published on the eve of the armistice and reaching here today carry a report that the Italian Ministry of War has authorized the National Union of Reserve Officers to accept Jews as members.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PERMITS JEWISH REFUGEES FROM DENMARK TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- The Swedish Government today issued an announcement stating that though aliens are not permitted under the existing laws to establish businesses during the first three years of their residence, an exception will be made for the refugees from Denmark. Permits will also be issued to refugees to secure employment in Swedish firms.

Only ten refugees reached Sweden yesterday from Denmark. The number of Jews coming here from Denmark has greatly decreased during the last few days. More than 130 Jewish refugees, women and children who previously held Swedish citizenship have had their citizenship restored by the Swedish authorities.

Reports from Denmark say that a German "deportation vessel" bearing 163 Jews left Copenhagen on Friday. The deportees had been captured while attempting to flee to Sweden.

MOST GERMAN ENTERPRISES IN POLAND FORMERLY BELONGED TO JEWS

ZURICH, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- Ninety-three percent of all the enterprises now run by Germans in occupied Poland formerly belonged to Jews, German newspapers published in Cracow, which reached here today, report..

-SWEDEN EXPECTED TO JOIN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES

LONDON, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- The Swedish Government is likely to join the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees under certain conditions safeguarding its neutrality, it was learned here today.

At present, the Swedish Government is mapping out plans to establish its own organization for relief and rehabilitation of refugees. A project will be submitted to the Riksdag next week by the Government urging the creation of a governmental body in the form of a commission to study relief and rehabilitation problems of refugees now residing in Sweden and in the neighboring countries. The project also includes plans for future cooperation with international bodies in relief activities.

In case its neutrality makes it impossible for Sweden to join the Inter-Governmental Committee, a commission may be appointed to maintain contact with this committee as well as with the relief-and-rehabilitation machinery which will be established by the United Nations following the conference which is scheduled to be held in Atlantic City next month. The Swedish commission will also consult the governments of Norway and Finland as to their reconstruction plans.

NEW COMMISSAR FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS IN BULGARIA; ANTI-JEWISH LAWS WILL REMAIN, HE SAYS

BERN, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- "The attitude of the Bulgarian Government towards the Jewish question has not changed," the new Bulgarian Commissar for Jewish Affairs, M. Stumonyakov, announced today in a radio broadcast from Sofia. Stumonyakov replaces Dr. Alexander Beloff, who resigned last week.

Emphasizing that "the anti-Jewish laws in Bulgaria will not be modified," the Bulgarian Minister of Interior issued an order permitting Jews to sell their movable property, though it had been formally confiscated by the government. This measure, the Minister stated, aims to speed up the removal of Jews from their dwellings, which are to be occupied by non-Jews. The money which the Jews will receive for their property will have to be deposited in blocked accounts to be withdrawn in monthly payments under the supervision of government authorities, the Minister explained. He warned that persons violating the anti-Jewish laws, whether Jews or non-Jews, will be punished severely.

The German news agency DNB today reported that a list of Bulgarian saboteurs published in Sofia "contains the names of no less than 141 Jews." The report also says that "of a band of seven terrorists recently arrested in Bulgaria, no less than six were Jews."

MEDAL AWARDED TSCHERNICHOWSKY BY FINNS TO BE RETURNED UNDER TERMS OF POET'S WILL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- The medal awarded by the Finnish Government to the late Dr. Saul Tschernichowsky, noted Hebrew poet who died this week, for his translation of the Finnish epic poem Kalevala will be returned to that government under the terms of Dr. Tschernichowsky's will, it was revealed here today.

The Authors' Association here today discussed the establishment of a memorial to the famed poet where various documents, personal belongings and other mementos of Dr. Tschernichowsky would be on permanent exhibit.

POLISH STUDENTS IN ENGLAND "EXPLAIN" PRE-WAR ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND

LONDON, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- An attempt to "explain" the anti-Semitism of pre-war Poland is made by the Polish Students Association in Great Britain in a booklet entitled "Polish Youth, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," issued today by the Polish Ministry of Propaganda.

Declaring that Polish anti-Semitism flows from the conflict of economic interests and not from a sense of racial superiority, the authors of the booklet emphasize that anti-Semitism in pre-war Poland resulted from the fact that the country had a large Jewish population, the majority of whom lived in towns. The booklet quotes statistics to show that "proportionally the number of Jewish students was larger than Polish."

"It is only natural," the publication says, "that such a state of affairs should create a whole series of economic problems." It points out that "the unproportional percentage of Jews in the Polish universities resulted in protests and even in action on the part of the Polish youth groups who wished to restore balance in the professions." It mentions that a numerous clause of ten percent was instituted against Jews in the medical colleges in Poland, but adds that "such restriction was, however, never introduced in Poland by law."

TWENTY THOUSAND NEW FAMILIES CAN BE SETTLED IN TRANSJORDAN UNDER NEW PROJECT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- Twenty thousand immigrant families could be settled in Transjordan in a 300,000-dunam area which can be irrigated at the approximate cost of \$2,000,000, the Jerusalem correspondent of the London newspaper "Economist" cabled today on the basis of reliable estimates given to him. He emphasized that most of the new settlers will have to come from abroad and will have to be provided with capital and instructors.

The correspondent points out that Transjordan is economically still the most primitive land in the Middle East and that only two-thirds of its land is settled. At the same time, Transjordan is given a disproportionately large share of Palestine's income from customs and currency profits, he says.

The influential Arab newspaper Adiffa, commenting today on Home Minister Herbert Morrison's recent statement that Palestine was not ready for self-government because of Arab-Jewish tension, states: "We trust Mr. Morrison was speaking of the past, since Palestine's future has already been decided by the White Paper. While we are certain the Jews will fiercely attack the future policy of the British Government, we are aware that Britain has bound herself to fulfill that promise."

BALFOUR WEEK PROCLAIMED BY ZIONISTS TO MARK 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- The period beginning Sunday, Oct. 31 and ending with Sabbath services on Friday evening, November 5 and Saturday, November 6, has been designated as Balfour Week in observance of the 26th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, in a proclamation issued here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

In his proclamation, Dr. Goldstein lays special emphasis on the nationwide campaign launched to secure the abrogation of the White Paper and asks American Zionists everywhere to dedicate Balfour Week to the two-fold purpose of marshalling the support of the American public for the Zionist cause and to mobilize their full strength in the fight against the White Paper.

U.S. ENVOY WILL PROTEST TO ARGENTINA DESPITE HURRIED LIFTING OF BAN ON YIDDISH PRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- The protest by President Roosevelt against Argentina's ban on the Yiddish press will be formally presented to the Argentine Government even though the ban has been hurriedly lifted, the New York Times reports in an editorial under the title "Anti-Semitism in Argentina."

"The protest," the editorial says, "will have behind it that solid majority of American opinion which recognizes anti-Semitism not merely as an evil in itself, but as the inevitable symptom of black reaction against free men and free institutions."

A cable received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Montevideo says that the press in Argentina was permitted to publish the text of President Roosevelt's statement, but without any comments. An official communique issued yesterday by the Argentine Government announcing the lifting of the ban against the Yiddish newspapers, reads:

"The situation concerning newspapers written in Yiddish and in Russian was clarified yesterday before the Department of Press and Information, and their suspension has been lifted. Their editorials will appear with their respective Spanish translation." (Simultaneously, it was announced that Gustavo Martinez Zaveria, 70-year-old author of violently anti-Semitic works, has been appointed Minister of Justice and Education.)

ORT SENDS REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO STUDY REFUGEE SITUATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- In order to study the situation of the refugees in the Western Hemisphere and to help extend relief and rehabilitation work there, Dr. Boris A. Surowich, wellknown Jewish social worker, will leave for an extended tour of a number of Central and South American countries, it was announced today by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union.

"The Latin-American Confederation," Dr. Lvovitch said, "has been very active in recent years in the establishment of trade schools and cooperative workshops in various South American countries. This work is of great importance not only for the refugees, but also for the local Jews who are in need of retraining. By aiding the refugees to become useful in industry and agriculture, and to contribute to the productivity of the countries which have given them asylum, ORT also helps to open the doors of those countries to our other unfortunate brethren seeking refuge."

Dr. Surowich returned recently from a visit to Cuba, where, with his assistance, an ORT training school for refugees was opened and a successful campaign for ORT carried out. His present tour will take him to Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Ecuador and Chile.

Government Representative Opens ORT Exhibition in Canada Today

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.(JTA)-- Provincial Secretary Hector Parrier will open tomorrow an exhibition of the work and products of the ORT Training School, which was established in this city more than 10 months ago, with the support of the Federal Government.

The Federal Department of Munitions and Supply helped to equip the school with machinery valued at \$75,000. Since the school's opening, over 500 men and women have registered for training.