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PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE CHARGED WITH TREASON

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Raoul Lambert, the president of the Union General Juive de France, the central Jewish body which represents the Jewish population of both the German-administered and the French-administered parts of France, has been charged with treason, it was reliably learned here today. He was arrested together with his family several weeks ago in Marseilles and is now held in the notorious Drancy concentration camp near Paris.

The charge of treason was placed against him because of a protest which he lodged with the French authorities in Vichy against the inhuman treatment of the Jewish internees at the Drancy camp which is under the supervision of the Gestapo. Enraged by the fact that a Jewish leader "dared" to lodge a formal protest against the administration of the camp, the German authorities in Paris ordered Mr. Lambert's arrest, describing his intervention with the French Government in Vichy as "an act of treason."

The London radio announced today that French Jews in North Africa "will be given back the jobs which were taken away from them when the Vichy authorities were in power." At the same time it was learned here today that the De-Gaulle-Giraud administration will soon announce a decision on the question of reinstatement of the Cremieux Decree, which would restore citizenship and all pre-war rights to the Jews of Algeria.

SYRIAN PREMIER REACHES EGYPT WITH PLAN TO MERGE PALESTINE, SYRIA AND TRANSJORDAN

CAIRO, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- A Syrian delegation, composed of Premier Sadallah El-Gabry and Foreign Minister Jamil Mardem, arrived here today with a project for the establishment of a "greater Syria" which would merge Syria with Palestine, Transjordan and Lebanon. The project will be discussed here with representatives of the governments of Egypt and Saudi-Arabia.

The Syrian plan is expected to meet with opposition not only from the Jews who demand the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, but also from the Lebanese population. The Lebanese are decidedly hostile to the project, because they are generally suspicious of any plan which may lead to a pan-Arab federation.

SWEDISH HIGH COURT REVERSES SENTENCE OF JEWISH PROFESSOR WHO ATTACKED HITLER

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The Swedish Privy Council has reversed the decision of a Stockholm court which sentenced Dr. Israel Holmgren, a Jewish professor, to four months imprisonment on charge of violating the press statute by publishing statements against the leaders of the German Government in his pamphlet "Nazis Hell." The pamphlet charged Hitler and other Nazi functionaries with direct responsibility for the crimes against the people of occupied Europe.

GOVERNOR ORDERS MEASURES TO HALT ATTACKS ON JEWS IN BOSTON; NAMES ADVISORY BODY

BOSTON, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Gov. Leverett Saltonstall today ordered an official investigation of the repeated attacks on Jews in the streets of the Dorchester section of the city.

At the same time the Governor announced at a press conference that he intends to appoint today a joint committee of prominent Jews, Catholics and Protestants to act as an advisory body in mapping out plans to check anti-Jewish terror. Police Commissioner Timilty was notified by the governor that he will be held responsible if any further attacks on Jews occur.

The Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union today demanded that the Police Commissioner suspend at once a number of police officers charged with assaulting Jewish boys in Dorchester. While this demand was voiced by the Union's chairman, Dr. Albert Coolidge, a police announcement disclosed that the Commissioner has assigned a special unit of high ranking officers to interview the victimized residents of Dorchester and arrest all known ringleaders of the hoodlums. Measures to protect the Dorchester Jewish residents were also taken by the police today in cooperation with the civilian population.

NO JEWISH PROBLEM EXISTS IN MEXICO, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS; LAUDS PALESTINE EFFORTS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla, discussing post-war questions today with Jacob Landau, managing editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, referred to the Jewish problem and stated that no such problem existed in Mexico. The racial viewpoint, he said, was entirely foreign to Mexicans. "The Jews," he declared, "are a useful and constructive element. Every Jew should be and is judged on his own individual merits and demerits.

"I have visited Palestine myself and was very favorably impressed by the great efforts that the Jews are making in settling there," he said. "It is for the Jews themselves to decide whether they want to build up a nation. If they do, I am sure that the Jews with their great abilities are bound to create a nation that will enrich the world."

DR. STEINBERG REPORTS ON HIS NEGOTIATIONS IN AUSTRALIA FOR JEWISH MASS-IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Details of his negotiations with the Australian Government with regard to the establishment of a Jewish settlement in the Kimberley district of Western Australia through Jewish mass-immigration from European countries were given here today at a press conference by Dr. I. Steinberg, president of the Jewish Freeland League, which is sponsoring the project.

Dr. Steinberg, who arrived here this week en route from Australia to London, emphasized that the project has the support of all the church leaders in Australia, as well as of the labor unions and the leaders of commerce and industry. The West Australian government has approved the plan, under which a territory as big as Belgium would be opened for Jewish colonization.

Emphasizing that neither the Jews nor the non-Jews in Australia who support the Kimberley project consider it to be competition to the Jewish development of Palestine, Dr. Steinberg reported that an investigation carried out in the Kimberley area by experts established that it is suitable for the settling of European people. At present this territory is populated only by forty white families and several hundred colored families.

Dr. Steinberg will remain in the United States for several months, during which time he will confer with American Jewish leaders on the project.

THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS ALLOCATED BY 128 JEWISH COMMUNITIES FOR RELIEF DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- One hundred and fifty five federations and welfare funds in 128 communities allocated a total of \$29,569,703 for 1942-43 needs, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in its annual budget analysis. This amount does not represent the entire income of the beneficiary agencies but consists only of the sums allotted them by the fund-raising agencies.

Altogether there are 313 organized Jewish communities in the United States and Canada. The 128 under study, three of which are in Canada, comprise approximately 61 percent of the total estimated Jewish population of both countries. Consequently the budgets of these agencies may be considered to reflect the welfare interests and activities of the American-Jewish community as a whole.

The most substantial budgetary allocation, \$13,568,554, went for national and overseas needs, while the amount of \$13,468,370 was used for the support of local programs in the fields of relief, family welfare, health, vocational service, recreation, Jewish education, public relations, and related activities. The sum of \$291,419 went for the capital needs of some of the local agencies in these fields. Approximately \$2,000,000 were spent to cover the cost of fund-raising and administration.

National and Overseas Requirements Receive Consideration

Continuing concern on the part of local communities with national and overseas requirements is revealed in allocations to non-local organizations. National agencies engaging in general cultural activities were included in the budgets of 122 communities; national civic-protective organizations in 121; health and welfare in 121; theological seminaries in 91. In 107 communities, allocations were made for the support of agencies providing coordination or research service to the local communities, such as the National Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Occupational Council. Altogether the national agencies received from all the reporting federations and welfare funds a total of \$974,525. Of this sum \$461,387 went to civic-protective agencies; \$201,330 to cultural agencies; \$204,625 to health institutions, and the remainder to various other national agencies.

All of the reporting cities included in their budgets one or more of the agencies maintaining overseas and refugee service programs. These agencies were allocated a total of \$12,513,847, with the United Jewish Appeal receiving the largest share, \$11,671,955. Ninety-six communities also made special allocations to a number of Palestinian agencies not included in the United Jewish Appeal. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was the beneficiary of 114 welfare funds.

One hundred and twenty-three communities made some provision for the support of local programs and activities. Family welfare and relief activities, including care of children and aged, received the largest share of support, receiving allocations from 104 communities. Local refugee care was provided by 87 cities. Approximately one-half of the communities extended financial support to cultural, recreational agencies and Jewish educational institutions. Forty agencies allotted special amounts for local welfare work with soldiers and sailors.

PITTSBURGH CONGRESSMAN ASKS ROOSEVELT TO SECURE ABRIGATION OF WHITE PAPER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt was appealed to today to intervene with the British Government to secure abrogation of the White Paper of 1939, which will close Palestine to Jewish immigration next Spring, in a letter sent by Rep. Samuel Weiss, Pittsburgh Democrat.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ADOPTS PLANS OF ACTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- The American Jewish Conference today announced that its Interim Committee, at its first meeting this week, approved various plans "for the aggressive implementation" of the program adopted by the assembly of the Conference which was held last month at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here.

Henry Monsky and Dr. Stephen S. Wise were chosen co-chairmen of the Interim Committee, which is the body elected to carry on the work of the Conference until its next session. Additions to the co-chairmanship may be voted in the future. An executive committee of 17 to act for the Interim Committee was also elected, with Dr. Wise and Mr. Monsky as co-chairmen of the executive committee.

Three commissions to carry out the three major decisions of the American Jewish Conference with respect to the rescue of Jews from Axis Europe, post-war Jewish reconstruction and Palestine were created by the Interim Committee. The personnel of the commissions will be decided upon at the next meeting of the executive committee on October 31. Provision was also made for the selection of an executive director of the American Jewish Conference.

The Interim Committee, by a rising vote, adopted a declaration on behalf of American Jewry expressing profound appreciation and gratitude for the inspiring efforts of the peoples, governments and Kings of Denmark and Sweden on behalf of the rescue and safety of the Jews of Denmark.

JEWISH WRITERS' ORGANIZATIONS THANK PRESIDENT FOR REBUKE TO ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- The Jewish people of America and of all the world will be eternally indebted to President Roosevelt for his vigorous attack on the Argentine Government for banning the Jewish press, it was stated today in a telegram sent the President by the Jewish Writers Union and the Jewish section of the International Pen Club.

The wire expressed the "deep gratitude and admiration" of the Jewish writers and pointed out that the President's stand expressed "the true sentiments and traditions of the American people."

British, Palestine Writers Hail Roosevelt Statement

LONDON, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- The Jewish Writers Association here today wired United States Ambassador John G. Winant, asking him to convey to President Roosevelt its "deep appreciation for his noble intervention in behalf of the Yiddish press of Argentina."

The Hebrew Journalists Association of Palestine cabled President Roosevelt thanking him for his action and the Hebrew press there carried editorials hailing Mr. Roosevelt's statement.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE POSTPONES HEARING ON BILL TO BAR RACIAL BIAS FROM MAILS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Hearings on two bills to bar religious and racial incitements from the mails have been postponed until Nov. 15 by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Subcommittee Chairman Samuel A. Weiss, Pennsylvania Democrat, asked the postponement to give 60 prospective witnesses time to prepare their arguments. The hearings had been set for Oct. 18.