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GERMANS ESTABLISHING SPECIAL TRIBUNALS TO TRY ITALIAN JEWS FOR ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVITY

ZURICH, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The German military authorities in northern Italy have established special tribunals in Rome, Florence, Turin, Milan and Genoa to try Jews accused of anti-Fascist activities, it is reported here today.

The Berlin radio today announced that 10,000 Jews have already been expelled from Rome and added that their homes would be used to shelter families whose houses have been destroyed by Allied air raids. The broadcast did not indicate to where the Rome Jews had been sent, but recent reports reaching here have indicated that most of them are being shipped to the concentration camp at Piacenza.

Regime Fascista, which, until Mussolini's abdication, was a semi-official organ of the Fascist government, carries an editorial in a current issue received here today demanding that all Jews be forced to add Sarah or Israel to their names, as has been done in Germany.

The puppet Mussolini government, meanwhile, announced that the confiscation of all works of art belonging to Jews would be completed by this coming Sunday. The announcement said that the art treasures would be taken into "protective care."

An unconfirmed report current here says that the noted Italian-Jewish ship-builder, Sacerdoti, who was managing director of the Cantieri Riuniti Dell'Adriatico, has been arrested by the Germans together with his son.

NAZIS CONTINUE TO ARREST AND DEPORT DANISH JEWS, SWEDEN HEARS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Arrests and deportations of Danish Jews are still continuing, despite the fact that the majority of the Jews in the country have either fled to Sweden or were deported by the Germans last month, it is reported in the newspaper Dagens Nyheter today.

The paper reports that on Nov. 23, nineteen Jews were removed from the Horserød camp, where the arrested Jews have been concentrated, and taken, under German escort, to the Elsinore railroad station where they were placed on a train bound for an unknown destination.

A group of 30 Jews who were captured while attempting to reach Sweden, were sent to the Horserød camp, the report adds. Of this group several were later released as a result of intervention by foreign diplomats, Dagens Nyheter says, indicating that they may have been nationals of neutral countries or of countries friendly to the Axis.

LAVAL MILITIA REPORTED SHOOTING JEWS IN FRANCE

BERN, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Several Jews have been shot in the town of Annecy as a result of the reign of terror instituted by the Laval militia, according to a report appearing in the newspaper La Suisse.

STARVATION TAKING HEAVY TOLL AMONG REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI, JDC WORKER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- If the war with Japan continues for several more years, at least half of the more than 20,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai will be "useless if not dead," it was revealed here today by Laura Margolies, Joint Distribution Committee representative in Shanghai, who returned home yesterday aboard the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm.

Miss Margolies told a press conference that there are now about 20,000 German refugees and 1,000 Polish in the Japanese-occupied city. Despite heroic efforts to feed as many of the needy refugees as possible, there were only sufficient funds to provide one meal per day for 5,000 people at the time Miss Margolies left Shanghai, she said. This money was borrowed locally by the JDC representatives on the promise that it would eventually be repaid by the home office in New York.

The relief problem was complicated, Miss Margolies declared, by the fact that in February of 1942 all stateless persons were ordered to move into the Hongkew section of Shanghai. Many Jewish refugees who had established businesses in other districts of the city were forced to liquidate them or, in some cases, were fortunate enough to trade their shops for ones within the restricted area. The net result of the move, however, was to create more needy persons. The JDC camps were located in Hongkew and fed and sheltered about 8,000 people.

The JDC representative stressed that the Hongkew area was not a ghetto in the same sense as the Jewish quarters in Polish cities, since within the district Jews could work or trade as they wished. Doctors or nurses were allowed out on passes if the need arose. Generally, she said, the Jews were placed under various restrictions as "stateless persons" rather than as "Jews," and many non-Jews were in the same category and received the same treatment.

Miss Margolies was interned with all other Americans in February of this year, and remained in internment until August when the repatriation began. The other JDC representative in Shanghai, Manuel Siegel, is still interned.

AGENCY OFFERED HUGE LOAN BY LLOYDS; CURRENT ANNUAL BUDGET IS \$8,000,000

HAIFA, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Lloyds Bank of London has offered the Jewish Agency a large long-term loan which would make possible expansion of Jewish post-war activities in Palestine, it was revealed here today by Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, addressing the opening campaign of the Keren Hayesod drive here.

Mr. Kaplan disclosed that the Agency's budget for the current year is \$8,000,000, half of which will be allocated for the development of new colonies in northern and southern Palestine and for economic measures to facilitate the transition from a war-time to a peace-time economy.

LEADING SOUTH AFRICANS WILL PAY HOMAGE TO JEWS AT SPECIAL CELEBRATION

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Minister of Justice Colin P. Steyn will head a group of prominent Afrikaners who will hold a meeting at Bloemfontein on Wednesday, Dec. 8, to pay tribute to the Jews of South Africa, it was announced here today. Similar meetings honoring the Dutch and Greek peoples have been held in past years.

The Afrikan Die Volk, commenting on the meeting, writes that "the Jews have remained faithful to their traditions despite centuries of persecution and homelessness, and have contributed to the culture and science of all lands." It points out that Jews supported the South Africans in the Boer War and hails next Wednesday's celebration as an opportunity "for us to demonstrate we respect Jews as fellow-countrymen and value their activities in South Africa."

B'NAI B'RITH CABLES \$5,000 TO SWEDEN FOR RELIEF OF MEMBERS OF DANISH LODGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Responding to an urgent plea from Oscar Fraenckel, president of the now liquidated B'nai B'rith lodge in Copenhagen, who, together with most of the members of the lodge, has found sanctuary in Sweden, B'nai B'rith yesterday cabled \$5,000 to Mr. Fraenckel for relief work among Danish members of B'nai B'rith in Sweden, it was announced here today. The funds were cabled through the Danish and Swedish legations here.

Mr. Fraenckel's plea for help was contained in the following cable received at B'nai B'rith headquarters: "Most of Denmark lodge brothers have happily arrived in Sweden but on account of their sudden departure the greater part of them came over without money. On their behalf, I beg to inquire if B'nai B'rith would kindly come to our assistance in granting a loan for distribution in cases of most urgent need." This \$5,000 grant brings to \$700,000 the funds contributed by B'nai B'rith for war relief and refugee aid in 17 countries since the outbreak of World War II, the announcement said.

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COUNCIL URGES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE TO REJOIN CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Declaring that the recent withdrawal of the American Jewish Committee from the American Jewish Conference was "not in the spirit of American life" and was "unwise and unstatesmanlike," the board of directors of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council at a special meeting here adopted a resolution calling upon the Committee to re-enter the Conference.

The resolution, which was adopted unanimously, was introduced by a special committee headed by Rabbi Jacob Kohn, and including Rabbi Edgar F. Mangin, Walter S. Hilborn and Mrs. Adolph Sieroty.

SPECIAL RUSSIAN JEWISH DELEGATION MAY SOON COME TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- There is a possibility that a special Soviet Jewish delegation may soon visit Palestine, it was learned here today.

The Victory League for Russia disclosed that it had invited Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer to come to Palestine en route home from Britain, but had been advised by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow that it was not possible for the two to visit Palestine, but that the Committee would be glad to send a special delegation.

GENERAL MOSHE COHEN ARRIVES IN CANADA AFTER RELEASE FROM JAPANESE INTERNMENT

MONTREAL, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- General Moshe Cohen, former adviser to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president of the Chinese Republic, and to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, arrived in Montreal yesterday among a group of 221 Canadians repatriated from Japan on the exchange ship, S.S. Gripsholm.

It is expected that General Cohen may return to Western Canada where he first made contact with Chinese and where he organized the Chinese Labor Battalion during the first World War. He served in France with that unit.

DR. HORIA KARP, FORMER RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN PALESTINE AT 75

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Dr. Horia Karp, 75, a former leader of Rumanian Jewry and, at one time, a member of the Rumanian Senate, were held here today. Members of the Jewish Agency and representatives of the Rumanian-Jewish Association attended the funeral.