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DANGER FOR PALESTINE IS OVER; VOLUNTEER FORCE WILL BE DISBANDED THIS WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Palestine volunteer force, which was organized in 1940 when it was feared that the German army would invade Palestine, will be disbanded this week, the London press reported today.

The step is being taken as a result of the fact that Palestine is no longer in any danger. The volunteer force has been trained and equipped by the British army for cooperation with regular army units. It was composed of government officials, bankers, businessmen and employees who were given training with anti-aircraft units.

Pro-Zionist circles today indicated that Wallace Murray, the State Department expert on Near Eastern Affairs, may soon leave Washington for London on a special mission in connection with the future of Palestine. This was taken to mean that the United States Government has certain concrete plans with regard to Palestine which are to be discussed by Mr. Murray with high British officials in London.

(At the State Department it was stated today that Mr. Murray "has no plans at present" for a trip abroad. Mr. Murray, who bears the title "Adviser on Political Relations" has been reported on his way to the Near East at least once before in recent months, but the report proved false.)

Government offices here are following with interest the campaign by the Jews of America against the White Paper. Special interest has been aroused by the news from New York that more than 200 Emergency Committees for Palestine have been formed throughout the United States for the purpose of rallying public opinion behind the drive to have the White Paper annulled.

JEWISH PHYSICIAN APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAV PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Pijade, a Jewish physician, is vice-president of the provisional Government of Yugoslavia just formed by Marshal Tito, leader of the Yugoslavian partisan forces, it was learned here today when the full list of the government members was published.

Dr. Pijade is 55 years old. He is one of the leading intellectuals in Yugoslavia and is known not only for his medical work, but also as a painter and a poet. He is one of the leaders of the guerilla units which have been fighting the German armies on Yugoslav soil since the country was occupied by the enemy.

BRITAIN SHELTERS 12,500 REFUGEE ORPHANS; MOST OF THEM ARE JEWISH, PARLIAMENT TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- About 12,500 orphaned refugees, most of them Jewish, are now residing in Great Britain, it was disclosed today in the House of Lords during debate on a bill empowering the Home Secretary to appoint guardians for children under 16 years of age who arrived in England after 1936.

Speaking in favor of the measure, the Earl of Munster said that the bill was supported by Jewish leaders since it would provide a means of settling the religious upbringing of the young refugees.

NAZIS TAKE ISSUE WITH POPE ON DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM ROME

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Nazi Transocean news agency today distributed a report to the Swedish press taking issue with the protest of Pope Pius against the German deportations of Jews from Italy.

"The removal of the Jews from Rome became a necessity in order to provide room for refugees from Italian cities who lost their homes due to British-American air assaults," the German news agency "explained."

Seemingly unimpressed by the German "explanation," Swedish newspapers today continue to publish reports from their correspondents in Rome describing the sympathy which the Italian population displays towards the ejected Jews. "The severe anti-Jewish measures which are now being imposed by the German authorities are the talk of the Italian people in many homes," the correspondent of the Stockholm Tidningen writes.

Swedish papers also reported today that the German-controlled radio station in Estonia has suddenly started an intensified anti-Jewish propaganda campaign despite the fact that all the Jews there have long since been "liquidated" by the Nazis.

"NO MORE JEWISH PROBLEM IN HOLLAND" NAZI LEADER BOASTS; TEREZIN DEPORTATIONS RESUMED

ZURICH, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- "There is no longer a Jewish problem in Holland," Anton Mussert, the Dutch Nazi leader, reported today at a press conference in Berlin. He boasted that "more than 150,000 Jews have been deported from Holland." His address was quoted by the Berlin radio.

Neutral travelers arriving here today from the Czech Protectorate report that the German authorities there have resumed deportation of Jews from the fortress city of Terezin to unknown destinations. They estimate that at least 3,000 Jews have been transported each month from Terezin during the last two months. Most of them are Jews from Berlin, Vienna and Prague who had been interned in Terezin for many months.

TORONTO JEWS APPEAL TO AUTHORITIES TO CHECK SPREAD OF ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS

TORONTO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here are disturbed over the sudden appearance in streets and in mail-boxes of thousands of anti-Jewish leaflets apparently distributed by an organized group which is also sending its material through the mails. Local authorities have been asked to find the source of the anonymous literature in which the Jews of Canada are threatened with pogroms.

One of the leaflets exploits the recent report from Kiev which stated that the Russian army, upon liberating the city from the Germans, found that 80,000 Jews had been massacred there during the Nazi occupation. "Russia owes Germany eight million dollars for exterminating these Jews," the leaflet reads. "To get rid of a Jew is worth a thousand dollars."

Another leaflet contains the insinuation that the Jews are not joining the Canadian fighting forces. It alleges that the Canadians who have fallen on the battlefields in this war have all been Catholics and Protestants, but no Jews. The falsity of this charge has been proven by publication of official lists of casualties which contain many Jewish names.

At the same time that Jewish leaders here appealed to police officials, they communicated with postal authorities asking them to prevent the dissemination of the anti-Semitic leaflets through the mails.

AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIER DECORATED FOR RESCUING THREE FRENCH GENERALS IN AFRICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- T/Sgt. Herman Straussner of Rego Park, N. Y., has received the French Colonial Medal with the Sahara Bar for helping to rescue three French generals from the African desert, it was reported today by the Jewish Welfare Board. This is the first decoration given by a foreign command to American troop carrier fliers. Sergeant Straussner also holds the Air Medal.

Lt. Jerome Goldberg of Paterson, N. J., Liberator bombardier who participated in the Ploesti oil fields assault, holds eight decorations, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and six Oak Leaf Clusters, the JWB discloses. Completing thirty-five bombing missions against enemy installations in Italy, Greece, Austria, and Rumania, Lieutenant Goldberg has returned to the United States and is now awaiting reassignment.

T/Sgt. Harry Shultz of Kansas City, Mo., holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Oak Leaf Cluster to the D.F.C., an Air Medal, and a Purple Heart, according to another JWB report. Also a participant in the Ploesti attack, Sergeant Shultz, an aerial engineer aboard a Liberator, crawled over an open bomb bay to extinguish a fire started by enemy shells.

Col. Benjamin Stern of Lincoln, Nebr., a Signal Corps officer, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious performance of duties," the JWB announcement says. Colonel Stern was cited for organizing an air warning service for his unit and establishing an air warning training school. He has been in service twenty years.

First Sgt. Norman R. Goldberg of New York City, who directed traffic from the beach during the invasion of Sicily, exposed "continually to enemy fire" and who refused to be relieved from duty "despite severe physical stress," has been decorated with the Legion of Merit, personally presented by Lt. Gen. Clark. The JWB report concludes.

ORTHODOX RELIEF COMMITTEE ASKS \$1,250,000 FOR COMING YEAR TO AID REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,250,000 will be required next year in order to provide the most essential needs, mainly food and clothing, for Jewish orthodox refugees in the U.S.S.R. and in neutral countries, it was announced here today by the Emergency Committee for War-Torn Yeshivah and Refugee Scholars. A total of \$400,000 was transmitted by the Committee during the last twelve months, the announcement said.

Emphasizing that of the sum required for the coming year "a total of \$900,000 will be spent for the groups in Siberia and Asiatic Russia," the Emergency Committee declares that it has the cooperation of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U. S. and Canada, the Rabbinical Council of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Mizrahi Organization, National Council of Young Israel and Agudath Israel. The current program of the Emergency Committee includes transmission of packages from the United States, Iran and Palestine, cash remittances for rescue work in neutral countries, and similar emergency activities.

A special license has been obtained by the Committee to forward parcels from the United States to Russia and permission has been granted by the O.P.A. for export of certain rationed foods, the announcement says. An average package includes milk powder, egg powder, cocoa, crisco, socks, underwear, thread, needles and band-aids. The contents are purchased and packed by the Committee in New York and shipped on Soviet steamers. Another avenue for the transport of parcels to the refugee scholars in U.S.S.R. is through Teheran.

SHULTZ RESIGNS AS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today announced the resignation of Miss Lillian Shultz, its administrative secretary.

In accepting her resignation, the executive committee of the Congress voiced its deep regret and its appreciation of her loyal and devoted service to the organization in the past decade, the announcement said. It added that the executive committee is taking steps to "indicate the appreciation which all those associated with the Congress feel concerning the decade of fearless and tireless service to the organization on the part of Miss Shultz."

PALESTINE SHOULD ADMIT ALL IMMIGRANTS IT CAN ABSORB, SAYS SIR WYNDHAM DEEDES

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Great Britain was urged today to return to the policy of admitting as many Jewish immigrants to Palestine as the country can absorb, even if that would eventually lead to a Jewish majority, in an address by Sir Wyndham Deedes, former Palestine administrator, before a meeting in Liverpool.

The Jews are a sufficiently democratic people to insure their granting fair play, justice and liberty to Arabs in a Jewish Palestine, Sir Wyndham said. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Austin Harford, who presided, expressed sympathy with Zionist aspirations and voiced his horror at the atrocities committed against Jews in occupied countries.

Jews Will Not Yield Palestine to Make Good Mistakes of British Diplomacy

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The remnants of the Jewish nation cannot be expected to relinquish their future and their existence "because Malcolm MacDonald dragged British diplomacy into a mess," it is stated today in an editorial appearing in Davar, largest and most influential Hebrew newspaper in Palestine, replying to an article in the London Times, last week, which asserted that Arab friendship for Britain depends on faithful implementation of the White Paper.

The Palestine problem has always been one of guaranteeing the future and independent status of the Jews, the editorial continues, but the war has shown that it has become a problem of preserving their very physical existence. No one can guarantee, Davar says, that the present catastrophe which has overtaken the Jews of Europe will never be repeated, and, therefore, the only way to save the Jews from extermination is to concentrate them in a homeland of their own.

Returning to the question of whether Britain's honor will be sullied by failure to carry out the provisions of the White Paper, the Laborite daily emphasizes that the White Paper, itself, is a breach of the promises contained in previous pledges. Britain can bolster the world's faith in its honor by fulfilling its promises to the Jews "who are facing an abyss," the editorial concludes.

TEL AVIV TENDERS RECEPTION FOR REPATRIATED AUSTRALIAN WAR PRISONERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The municipality of Tel Aviv today tendered an official reception to 70 repatriated Australian war prisoners who are passing through Palestine en route home from England.

Addressing the reception, Mayor Israel Rokach asked the soldiers to extend the greetings of the city to "all of Tel Aviv's friends in Australia, including General Blamey, former commander of British troops in Palestine." Replying, one of the soldiers told the audience that memories of the warm reception given the Aussies in 1940 induced him to stop in Tel Aviv on his trip home,