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JEWISH GUERRILLA UNIT LED BY JEWISH GENERAL UNDER JEWISH FLAG IN OCCUPIED POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The London press reports today that a Jewish General named Gutt, who was formerly an officer in the Polish army, is now leading a well-equipped Jewish guerilla unit of 3,000 men which is fighting in the rear of the German army in occupied Poland.

The unit fights under both the Polish and the Jewish flags. It is credited with killing more than 5,000 German officers and men in addition to Gestapo officials. It is equipped with machine-guns and artillery and has its own field hospital. The unit was organized two years ago with a nucleus of twenty men. Jews joining it take an oath that they will commit suicide rather than surrender to the Germans.

Jewish organizations in England are watching with great interest the preparations being made by Allied representatives for a special conference in London to discuss the citizenship status of Polish and other nationals serving in the British armed forces. It is estimated that several hundred Polish Jews are at present enrolled in the British army, in addition to those serving in the Polish armed forces in Britain.

FINLAND PERMITS TRANSFER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY VALUABLES TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish communities in Finland have obtained permission from the Finnish Government to transfer Torahs and other valuable community property to Sweden for safe-keeping until after the war, it was reported here today.

The Stockholm newspaper Social Demokraten reports today that Social Democratic publications in Finland have criticized the treatment of Jewish refugees by the Finnish State Police. A delegation of Socialist deputies saw the Minister of the Interior to whom they voiced their displeasure at the failure of the government to curb the police.

ARGENTINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR PROMISES TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Moises Goldman, president of the DAIA, the central Jewish representative body in Argentina, was received over the week-end by Argentine Minister of the Interior Gilbert with whom he discussed questions arising out of the intensified anti-Jewish propaganda in the pro-Government newspapers. Gilbert assured the Jewish leader that measures will be taken to curb the anti-Semitic agitation, it is reported here today.

U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO SEEK GUARANTEES AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH ACTION IN BOLIVIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The State Department was asked today not to recognize the new Bolivian Government until it guarantees that it will not embark on an anti-Jewish policy. Members of the National Revolutionary Party, which now controls the Bolivian Government, have in the past advocated violent anti-Jewish measures.

The request came from Mexico City from Jose Antonio Arze, leader of the Bolivian Leftist Revolutionary party. In his message to the State Department, Arze denied that he was associated with the new Bolivian regime.

CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND APPEALS FOR IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF JEWISH RIGHTS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden were in receipt today of a resolution adopted during the weekend at a Jewish-Christian conference in Scotland asking for the immediate abrogation of anti-Jewish laws and practices in countries liberated from the German armies.

The conference, which was held at Edinburgh, was attended by representatives of all Scottish churches, of the Jewish communities, of the Salvation Army and of the Quakers. It was called for the purpose of studying the world Jewish situation and discussing ways and means of combating anti-Semitism.

HIGH SLOVAKIAN OFFICIAL OUSTED FOR REFUSING TO EXECUTE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

ZURICH, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A high official of the Nazi puppet government of Slovakia has been dismissed for opposing execution of anti-Jewish measures, it was revealed last week by Sano Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior, addressing a meeting at the fascist Hlinka Guard political school, according to Bratislava papers received here today. Mach quoted the unnamed official as saying: "Something might happen, and then I don't want to have the Jews turn against me."

Rumanian newspapers reaching here, however, indicate that the pro-Nazi elements there have not lessened their anti-Jewish incitement. The Bucharest daily *Forunca Vremi* devotes its Christmas issue to violent attacks against the Jews. It contains a signed editorial by the paper's editor, Radulesau, calling for an all-out effort for Germany "since only a German victory can frustrate the Jewish plan to bleed to death the non-Jewish peoples of the world."

STOCKHOLM PAPER DENOUNCES DEPORTATION OF DANISH JEWISH CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Stockholm newspaper *Aftontidningen*, in an editorial reported today to the Office of War Information, states ironically that the German deportation of 52 Danish Jewish children last week demonstrated how "a defenseless group of people should be treated without insulting them." The children were sent to join their parents in the Vester prison.

"Suppose these German methods were applied to the Germans themselves," the editorial said. "Would the Germans have anything to complain about? Would it be unjust? If German infants were stuffed into trucks and sent to concentration camps to be reunited with parents who had previously been sent there, it would be only what the *Herrenvolk* already have practiced."

10,000 ALLIED SOLDIERS ATTEND CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IN NOTTINGHAM

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Allied soldiers and officers attended a Chanukah festival in the Guild Hall at Nottingham last night. The Mayor of Nottingham was among those present. Addressing the audience, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, linked the Maccabee period with the present situation of the Jews in Europe. He thanked the city of Nottingham and other towns in England for the welcome they have given to Jewish refugees.

CHICAGO EX-BUNDIST REFUSES TO TAKE OATH IN COURT BEFORE A JEWISH JUDGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Charged by federal officials with sending them threatening letters, Wilhelm Starr, a former member of the German-American "Bund," refused to take an oath before Judge Oscar Kaplan when arraigned here. "I shall take no oath before a Jew," he declared. He was released in \$2,000 bail and sent to a mental hospital for observation. His trial has been set for December 31.

ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH WELFARE LEADERS CALLED TO DISCUSS WAR AND POST-WAR PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- American Jewish war and post-war problems will be discussed by representatives from Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils throughout the United States and Canada at the eleventh annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which will take place at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, February 4-7, it was announced today by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council.

The general session of the Assembly will open with a discussion of post-war planning. Prominent leaders will deal with both the overseas and American aspects of this many-faceted question. Other subjects for discussion at the Assembly sessions will be (1) war and post-war problems of functional agencies; (2) Jewish community organization; (3) civic-protective programs in local communities; (4) financing and budgeting.

"The 1944 General Assembly comes at a decisive period for American Jewish community organizations," declared Mr. Hollander. "In the local scene, new factors are at work as a result of war conditions. Welfare agencies are answering new demands. The structure of joint fund raising is being expanded. Anti-Semitism has not decreased and thoughtful American Jews are seeking more adequate machinery for the purpose of civic protection. Also up for consideration is the provocative question of the nature of the post-war Jewish community and its needs. The tide of war has definitely turned in favor of the United Nations, and fascist oppression of Europe's minority peoples is on the rout. Long-term planning of relief and rehabilitation is now foremost in the minds of American Jews. These problems are all high up on the agenda of the American Jewish community. Accordingly, they will lead the agenda of the General Assembly."

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is an advisory and co-operative body set up by 243 member agencies in 210 cities in the United States and Canada.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL HAS RAISED \$75,000,000 DURING FIVE YEARS OF EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Completing five years of activity as the largest Jewish fund-raising body in the world, the United Jewish Appeal today announced that approximately \$75,000,000 had been raised since 1939 and that these funds served to stem the tide of suffering and homelessness for almost 2,000,000 Jews in many parts of the world.

Established five years ago as the single fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, the United Jewish Appeal has been the channel through which American Jews have provided the resources for far-flung rescue and reconstruction programs including war relief and rehabilitation in overseas lands, the upbuilding and defense of the Jewish homeland in Palestine and assistance and adjustment aid for refugees in the United States.

JEWISH FISHERMEN ACCOUNT FOR 22 PERCENT OF PALESTINE'S CATCH

HAIFA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish fishermen account for twenty-two percent of the fish taken by Palestine vessels, it was disclosed here today at the first Palestine-wide conference of Jewish fishermen, attended by 200 representatives from nine settlements.

David Ben Gurion, addressing the conference, said that the sea is as important as the land in developing Palestine for Jewish colonization. He also pointed out that the fishing industry can pave the way for the growth of large-scale Jewish maritime industry.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS TWO-DAY CONFERENCE TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Plans for implementing a program to combat anti-Semitism in America will be formulated at a two-day national conference which will open in New York on Feb. 12, it was announced here today by the American Jewish Congress.

Pointing out that "anti-Semitism has become the most widely used weapon of every anti-democratic or Fascist movement, organization and group in America," Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared that his organization is "determined to battle against those enemies of the Republic banded together as anti-Semites who, appealing to the lowest racial and religious prejudices, vainly hope by that sign of infamy to conquer and rule America. To wage and win this war, we call upon all loyal American citizens of every race and creed in the interest of our beloved country and in their own interests to stand with us, to cooperate with us, in the extirpation of that monstrous evil."

CANADA MARKS CENTENARY OF CAPT. EZEKIEL HART, PIONEER JEWISH LEGISLATOR

MONTREAL, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout Canada are observing this week, the centenary of the death of Capt. Ezekiel Hart, the first Jew to be elected to the Canadian Assembly.

Capt. Hart, who was a member of a family which settled in Canada early in the 18th century, was barred by the House of Commons from taking his seat in the Assembly because he refused to take the customary oath "on the faith of a Christian." He was elected in both 1807 and 1809, but was not seated and his fight to be admitted to the Assembly precipitated a long struggle for Jewish rights which culminated in the Act of 1851 which gave full civil and political rights to Jews.

The election of Capt. Hart is proof that French Canada was not and is not intolerant, Mayor Adhemar Renault of this city declared at the local Hart commemoration celebration. "We are proud," Mayor Renault said, "that by electing Capt. Hart, we established the principle to which we owe such distinguished legislators as Disraeli, Reading, Hore-Belisha and many Jewish Canadians who have served their country well."

NEW ENGLAND JNF ASKS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO AID FIGHT AGAINST WHITE PAPER

BOSTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- State and national officials were appealed to last night by the New England regional conference of the Jewish National Fund to join in the fight against the White Paper in order that Palestine may be open to Jewish immigration and that restrictions on land purchases by Jews may be lifted.

The conference, which coincided with the first anniversary of the announcement of the plan to establish a "Massachusetts Colony" in Palestine, pledged itself to raise additional funds to secure land for the post-war settlement in Palestine of uprooted Jews from Europe.

DR. ZLOCIISTI, VETERAN GERMAN ZIONIST, DIES IN PALESTINE

HAIFA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Zlocisti, 69, German-Jewish veteran of the Zionist movement, died here last night. He will be buried in Tel Aviv where he had resided since his arrival in Palestine in 1921.

Born near Danzig, Dr. Zlocisti practiced medicine in Berlin from 1900 until 1914 when he was sent as head of a medical commission of the Red Cross to Turkey and became the director of the Red Cross hospital in Constantinople. He was a delegate to the first Zionist World Congress which was held in Basle in 1897. He was also the author of several literary works.