

JEWISH DELEGATION WILL BE INVITED TO PAN-ARAB CONFERENCE IN CAIRO

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A pan-Arab conference, to which Jewish representatives from Palestine will be invited, will take place in Egypt within the next six weeks, it was stated today in Cairo by the Iraqi Premier, Nuri es Said Pasha, upon arriving there from Palestine.

The Premier of Iraq disclosed that during his stay in Palestine he attempted to bring together the various Arab groups on a united policy which would make it possible not only for Palestine Arabs to send a delegation to the forthcoming conference, but which would also enable Palestine Jews to be represented there. "I consider a delegation of Palestine Arabs, as well as Jewish representation, at the forthcoming conference in Cairo as inevitable," Nuri Pasha said.

GESTAPO TRIES TO TRAP HIDDEN JEWS IN HOLLAND; SAYS THEY CAN BE "EXCHANGED" FOR GERMANS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- German occupation authorities in Holland are using a new trick to trace Netherlands Jews who have gone into hiding, according to "reliable information" received by the official Netherlands news agency here.

The Germans have announced, the report says, that 1,000 Netherlands Jews, together with 9,000 Jews of other nationalities, can be "exchanged" with the Allies for Germans interned in Australia, on payment of 2,000 guilders, approximately \$1,080, per head. Those wishing to be "considered" for such "exchange" are advised that they must fill out a form supplied by the German head office for security in Berlin.

The news agency report said that Netherlands circles in London expressed the belief that the move was merely a hoax on the part of the Germans to induce Netherlands Jews to report to the occupation authorities who would then take them into custody.

HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS RESENT GERMANY'S OBJECTION TO ADMISSION OF JEWS FROM POLAND

ZURICH, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Resentment of Germany's criticism of Hungary's relaxation of its anti-Jewish laws is felt by political circles in Hungary, the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Gazette de lausanne reports today. He adds, however, that no formal reply will be issued.

The report emphasizes that officials in Hungary are "amazed" at the article published last week in the Berliner Boersen Zeitung in which it was stated that "Jewish influence" is guiding the present policy of the Hungarian Government. The correspondent quotes Hungarian officials as stating that the Jewish question in Hungary is a purely internal affair and that "nothing resembling intervention in internal affairs of a sovereign country can be permitted."

Exception is also taken by Hungarian officials to the German objection to Hungary's admitting Jews from Poland and Slovakia. "Foreign Jews," the correspondent quotes officials as stating, "obey our laws and don't abuse Hungary's hospitality." These officials also pointed out that "thousands of refugees from all parts of Europe have been admitted to Hungary irrespective of their nationality and religion."

GENERAL STRIKE BY JEWISH WORKERS IN LODZ FORCES GERMANS TO HALT EXECUTIONS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A general strike by tens of thousands of Jewish slave workers in the ghetto factories of Lodz forced the German occupation authorities to halt, at least temporarily, mass executions of Jews, it is revealed today in a report from Jewish underground sources received by the Polish Government-in-Exile here.

The report adds that the Germans are proceeding with the liquidation of the various Jewish labor camps throughout Poland, to which Jews were sent when the ghettos were wiped out. In many cases armed resistance has marked Nazi efforts to execute the forced laborers.

An emissary of the underground who reached Britain this week discloses that Jews required for work in German factories wear a number on their shoulder which prevents their execution by roaming Gestapo squads. The numbers, he said, are popularly referred to as "life permits." He added that the Nazi execution squads do not always respect these "permits." When the Trawniki and Poniatowka labor camps were liquidated recently, many of those "privileged Jews" were murdered, he said.

WIVES OF HIGH SLOVAKIAN OFFICIALS CAUGHT SMUGGLING JEWELRY CONFISCATED FROM JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A scandal of major proportions, involving high officials entrusted with the "Aryanization" of Jewish property, has rocked the Slovakian puppet government, according to a report published here today in the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter.

The report states that the wives of Koso, a departmental chief of the Ministry of the Interior in charge of administering confiscated Jewish property, and Benuschka, chief of the political police, who also had a finger in the "Aryanization" pie, were apprehended by German currency control officers as they attempted to cross the border into Switzerland with 20 kilograms of gold jewelry hidden on their persons.

The pro-Nazi Prague press reaching here today carries articles ridiculing the call of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile to Czechs in the Protectorate to prevent the planned German sterilization of Czech Jews. The Nazi-supported newspapers claim that the Czech people have more important things to do than worry about Jews.

Slovaks Warned Against Buying Jewish Property

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Minister of the Interior Juraj Slavik of the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile in a broadcast to the people of his occupied homeland today warned them not to participate in the puppet Slovakian Government's present drive against the Jews. He charged that Jews were being deported and sent to their death "to enrich the 'Aryanizers' in Slovakia."

He lauded Slovak railwaymen who, the German press reported this week, were arrested for assisting Jews to flee the country, and urged "every Slovak Christian" to follow their example. Mr. Slavik also counselled his listeners against purchasing confiscated Jewish property, warning that persons who do so will be punished after the country is liberated.

JDC REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES IN PALESTINE TO CONFER WITH GOVERNMENT, JEWISH LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Reuben B. Resnik, Joint Distribution Committee Representative in Cairo, arrived here today on a short visit during which he will confer with spokesmen of the Palestine Government and Jewish institutions. Mr. Resnik will also see representatives of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the Middle East Relief Administration.

U.S. IS ASKED TO USE PRESSURE ON AXIS SATELLITE GOVERNMENTS TO HELP JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Diplomatic pressure by the United States on the governments of Bulgaria, Rumania and other Axis-satellite nations to help the remaining Jews of Europe to escape from Hitler was proposed today to the new War Refugee Board by the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

The proposal was part of a plan advanced by the Emergency Committee to rescue as many as possible of the remaining Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. The Axis-satellite countries should be advised that forced deportation of Jews from their countries is tantamount to murdering them and will be definitely considered as murder, the memorandum proposed. A systematic campaign should be devised, it said, to warn both the satellite nations and Germany itself through leaflets dropped during bombing raids and short-wave radio.

Establishment of a special department in the International Red Cross was also proposed to "take charge and represent the Jews inside Nazi-held Europe." Jewish war prisoners from Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia and other countries are isolated from non-Jewish prisoners and cruelly treated, the memorandum declared.

Provision should be made by the War Refugee Board, it suggested, for the issuance of "temporary passports" to all Jews reaching neutral countries on their arrival at the border. These passports would be similar to the emergency Nansen passports issued after the last World War. "The steady transportation of the Jewish evacuees into neighboring neutral and United Nations territories, such as Portugal, Palestine, North Africa and Cyprus, so that the rescue centers would always be ready to accept more arrivals from inside Europe" is essential, the memorandum stated. Palestine, it concluded "might well be given particular attention."

CONFERENCE TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM OPENS TODAY; TWENTY GOVERNORS SUPPORT ITS AIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Twenty Governors from all parts of the country joined today in condemning anti-Semitism as a manifestation of un-American intolerance which must be eradicated from our national life.

The Governors made known their views in communications to the two-day National Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism which opens on Sunday at the Hotel Pennsylvania on the call of the American Jewish Congress. The chief executives were forthright in their demands for elimination of discrimination based upon religious or racial considerations which they characterized variously as a menace to American democracy and a threat to national unity.

The National Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism will be attended by delegates from all over the nation. Its objective will be the creation of a program of concrete and militant action to eradicate anti-Semitism and all forms of intolerance based upon race, creed or color, under the direction of a National Commission to Combat Anti-Semitism, headed by former Attorney General Carl Sherman. Among the speakers during the sessions will be Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Norman Littell, Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor and James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO.

POLISH EMBASSY IN TEHRAN COMPILES LIST OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Polish circles here report that their embassy at Teheran has completed compiling a list of 150,000 Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Poland who are now in Russia awaiting evacuation. Complete names and present locations of these refugees are listed.

UNPUBLISHED LINCOLN LETTER TO JEWISH CONGREGATION DISCOVERED

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Discovery in the archives of Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in Philadelphia of a hitherto unpublished letter written by Abraham Lincoln to the Congregation Hope of Israel of Philadelphia on May 13, 1862, was announced here today in connection with the 44th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, which opens tomorrow evening at the Jewish Theological Seminary here. The signature on the letter was authenticated by Doctor A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the Historical Society and eminent authority on early American books and manuscripts.

The letter was found by Habbi Moshe Davis among the papers of Sabato Morais, author of the prayer referred to in the letter, Rabbi for many years of Congregation Mikveh Israel, and later founder and first president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Doctor Morais's papers were collected by the late Doctor Cyrus Adler, and are stored at Dropsie College. The letter expresses the President's thanks for a prayer composed by Doctor Morais and delivered at the synagogue on a day set aside by Presidential proclamation for prayer for the casualties of both armies in the Civil War, and for the preservation of the Union. The communication is addressed to Mr. A. Hart (1810-1893) who was an outstanding figure in American and Jewish life.

The text of the letter reads: "Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 23 containing a copy of a Prayer recently delivered at your Synagogue, and to thank you heartily for your expression of kindness and confidence." It is signed "Your Obt. Servant, A. Lincoln."

PROF. GEORG BERNHARD, NOTED EDITOR, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held on Sunday at the Free Synagogue for Prof. Georg Bernhard, one of the notable public figures of pre-Nazi Germany who died yesterday at the Harlem Hospital following an attack of pneumonia. He was 69 years old.

A distinguished political economist and publicist, Professor Bernhard was connected for 30 years with the famous Ullstein Press in Germany, being for 17 years editor-in-chief of the Vossische Zeitung, the leading newspaper in Berlin. Immediately after Hitler's advent to power, Professor Bernhard was among the first 35 distinguished German citizens expatriated by the Nazi regime. After his exile, he took up residence in Paris where in 1933 he founded the Pariser Tageblatt, of which he became editor-in-chief. He remained in France until it was conquered by Germany, when he escaped to the United States where he found asylum in February 1941. He had previously visited the United States in 1936, when he came here at the invitation of the American Jewish Congress to be the principal speaker at its convention in Washington in June of that year.

Professor Bernhard's journalistic career included the presidency of the German Press Association. He was in succession president of the Association of Journalists attached to the League of Nations, and from 1928 to 1932 president of the International Federation of Journalists. His career included membership in the Reichstag and membership in the Reichstag Economic Council. He held an appointment for life as a professor of economics at the Commercial Academy of Berlin and served on the Board of Trustees of the Reichsbank.