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JEWISH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN POLAND SENDS FIRST-HAND REPORT TO JEWS OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The first comprehensive report from the Jewish underground movement ever to reach this country was made public here today by the World Jewish Congress. It describes in detail how Jews revolted against the Germans not only in the ghetto of Warsaw, but also in the ghettos of Bialystok, Czestochowa, Wilno, Tarnow, Bendzin and in the "death camps" of Treblinka and Solibor.

"In the battles in the above mentioned cities, men of all ideological leanings fought together as comrades - Chalutz youth, Shomrim youth, Poale-Zionists and Bundists," the report says. "They were bound by ties of death, not of life; they fought side by side for the honor and the glory of the Jewish people. Through the Jewish Fighting Organization, we exerted ourselves in the organization and strengthening of the fight."

The Jewish Fighting Organization, the report reveals, is carrying on its activities, as guerilla fighters, under the supervision of the Jewish National Committee which is the central body directing the underground activities. "We are only a small group of workers left alive," the report points out. "We have made it our duty, despite the incredible obstacles, to serve the remnants of our exhausted people. We are determined to fulfill this duty - regardless of hardship - until the last drop of our blood." Represented in the Jewish National Committee are Zionists, Socialists, and various other Jewish political groups of pre-war Poland.

We Regard Our Merciless Doom With Sober Eyes, Report Says

Emphasizing that "the Nazi barbarians, faced with certain defeat, are killing off the pitiful remnants of the Jewish population in Poland," the report says: "As you read our communication, do not for a moment think that we are broken in spirit. We regard our merciless doom with sober eyes. We know you have done everything possible to save us."

The report then goes on to relate how the Jewish heroes of the Bialystok ghetto had battled for a month, killing hundreds of Germans, and how the Jewish rebels in the "death camps" of Solibor and Treblinka organized themselves in fighting "fives" and at a pre-arranged moment launched their attack; throwing themselves upon the German and Ukrainian guards, they disarmed and killed the majority of them, burned down the gas-chambers and the "living-crematoria" and after having accomplished this, escaped to the neighboring forests.

Describing the revolt in Bialystok which took place last August "on instructions from the Jewish National Committee," the report states: "On the 17th of August there began the liquidation of the only large ghetto in the East of Poland, in Bialystok, where there were approximately 40,000 Jews. During the first three days of this action, seven transports of victims were taken to the death-camp at Treblinka. In addition, a passenger train, filled with children, left Bialystok. There were two Jewish nurses in each car. It is the general conviction that, before going to their deaths, these children were to furnish blood for wounded German soldiers. On the fourth day of the action, the fight began. Bloody combats took place in a number of streets. The Jews fought mostly with grenades and incendiary bombs; they also had a few machine-guns. In order to crush the uprising the Germans set the ghetto afire. The bitter fight lasted eight days. But the Jewish resistance did not weaken and lasted for another month."

ROOSEVELT'S VIEWS ON PALESTINE WELCOMED BY ENTIRE JEWISH PRESS THERE

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's statement on Palestine in which he emphasized that the United States Government has never approved the British White Paper, is unanimously welcomed today by the entire Hebrew press. Its contents were made public here yesterday when Arab newspapers from Egypt reached this country carrying the text which had been suppressed in Palestine by British censorship.

"Roosevelt's declaration clearly defines the attitude of the American Government towards the White Paper and the fate of the Jewish people," Davar, leading daily paper, writes. "Special importance should be attached to this declaration after the varied interpretations given to the suspension of the Congressional hearings in Washington on the Palestine resolution.

Haarets, another leading daily newspaper, says in an editorial that "President Roosevelt's declaration should purify considerably the bad atmosphere which began to oppress all those seeking a fair and decent solution for the Palestine problem."

The Palestine Post, an English-language daily newspaper, interprets Roosevelt's views as indicating that "while maintaining traditional interest in the Jewish efforts for national reconstruction in Palestine, the White House doesn't feel that this is the time for enunciating any concrete policy on the future of this country." The paper adds that "this is apparently also the attitude of the British Government."

Yedioth Achronoth, an afternoon paper, cites Roosevelt's statement, the shelving of the Palestine resolution, and the announcement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in London that the British Government does not intend to seek any solution of the Palestine problem in the near future. The paper comes to the conclusion that "all these indicate that there will be no immediate decision with regard to Palestine, which is not urgent, since there are still 20,000 immigration visas available for Jews."

WEIZMANN SEES NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "JEWISH NATIONAL HOME" AND "JEWISH COMMONWEALTH"

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today announced that he sees no difference between the terms "Jewish National Home," "Jewish Commonwealth," and "Jewish State."

Addressing the opening of the \$4,000,000 United Palestine Appeal at Grosvenor House, the leader of the world Zionist movement said that "Jewish Commonwealth only states explicitly what is implied by the term Jewish National Home." It is merely quibbling to differentiate between these two terms, he stated.

On the occasion of the launching of the United Palestine Appeal, Dr. Weizmann, Chief Rabbi Herz and a number of other Jewish leaders in England today issued a joint proclamation emphasizing that "the months ahead will be as decisive in Jewish history as they will in world history." The proclamation stresses the importance of preparing homes for hundreds of thousands of Jews who will be rescued when Europe is liberated and points out that Palestine is offering homes to these Jews.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PALESTINE DECIDES TO SEND DELEGATION TO AMERICA

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today voted to send a delegation to America to participate in the conference of the World Jewish Congress which is to take place in New York early in May. The delegates will be named next week.

JEWISH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN AMERICAN RED CROSS LAUDED; DATA GIVEN

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- Jewish participation in the American Red Cross is lauded in a statement issued here today by Norman H. Davis, chairman of the organization, in connection with voluntary Red Cross activities.

"Reports from Red Cross chapters reveal that groups of members of Jewish organizations as well as individuals the country over have taken active part in Red Cross volunteer activities," the statement says. "And while the nature of this work is generally of greater interest to women, many men have found a spot in the Red Cross where their training and experience is proving of great value and service.

"Not only in the field of production such as surgical dressings are these groups at work, but they take an active interest in serving as nurse's aides and Gray Ladies, in the Red Cross Motor Corps and in performing essential clerical work as Red Cross staff assistants," the statement points out.

"Reports from Mrs. L. Perlman, national director of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith, show some 6,500 members of that organization actively at work in these and other branches of Red Cross volunteer services," the statement discloses. "Similar reports from the National Women's League of the United Synagogue show upward of 6,000 members participating in these activities, while an additional 15,000 have completed Red Cross first aid and nutrition courses. Three hundred members of the League are also serving the Red Cross as instructors in various branches.

"From the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods come reports that approximately 54,000 members have been enrolled in Red Cross work," the statement continues. "This figure not only includes, in addition to production, canteen and other volunteer services, the members taking first aid, nutrition and home nursing courses. The National Council of Jewish Juniors reports that in most of its sections war activities, including Red Cross work, have superseded the more normal projects. Similar reports of cooperation with the Red Cross have come from others.

"Insofar as men are concerned, many of them are at present active in helping to raise the 1944 War Fund of \$200,000,000, the minimum needed to carry on Red Cross work during the year. Many are also serving as instructors in first aid and other subjects, they are active on standing committees of the chapters, such as disaster relief, and in some instances they have helped in production of surgical dressings and other supplies," the statement concludes.

PROPERTY OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ALIEN JEWS WILL NOT BE EXPROPRIATED BY RUMANIA

STOCKHOLM, March 15. (JTA) -- The Swedish press today reports that the Rumanian Government has modified its decree providing for the expropriation of Jewish property to exempt foreign Jews who were nationals of Argentina, France, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland, Iran and Italy on March 28, 1941. The action was taken as a result of negotiations by the governments concerned with the government of Rumania, the Svenska Morgenbladet said.

1,400 INTERNED JEWISH REFUGEES MUST REMAIN ON MAURITIUS, COLONIAL MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- Col. Oliver Stanley, British Colonial Minister, today reported to the House of Commons that the 1,400 Jewish refugees who have been interned on the island of Mauritius cannot be permitted for the time being to proceed to Palestine. At the same time he stated that it has been impossible, so far, to make arrangements for their employment elsewhere.

SOVIET COMMISSION REPORTS EXTERMINATION OF ALL JEWS IN TOWN NEAR BERDICHEV

MOSCOW, March 15. (JTA) -- The Soviet commission investigating German atrocities against the civilian population reported today that in July, 1941, a few weeks after they launched their invasion of Russia, the Nazis murdered the entire remaining Jewish population of Belilovka, near Berdichev. The majority of the Jewish residents had fled to the interior prior to the invasion.

Shortly after the capture of the town, the German commandant ordered all Jews to report to the local synagogue where they were registered. The total Jewish population was 668. The Jews were ordered to appear at the synagogue the following day with all their belongings, from where, they were told, they would be sent to Berdichev.

The next morning 600 Jews assembled at the synagogue. Five elderly Jews were sent out to round up the remaining 68. The Germans threatened that all the Jews would be shot if the 68 did not report. After several hours they were brought in. Among them were aged and sick persons and children.

From the synagogue, all the Jews were taken to the Berdichev highway and told to start running. As the panic-stricken Jews fled, the Germans opened fire on them with machine guns, killing all. For two days their bodies remained lying in the highway and then they were buried in a mass grave.

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY TOMORROW; WILL BE HONORED TONIGHT

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, leader of American Jewry, who will celebrate his 70th birthday on Friday, will be honored tomorrow by the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America at a dinner tendered to him at the Hotel Commodore in tribute to his distinguished record of public service.

Speaking last night at a dinner given in his honor by the Free Synagogue, of which he is the founder, Dr. Wise hailed efforts to bring Christians and Jews closer together, but went on to declare that "no good will movement justifies the surrender of a tradition of historic loyalty."

"I speak with earnest approval of every effort made to bring Christian and Jew closer together in the bond of reciprocal understanding and reverence which are far more than mere tolerance, but I want to make very clear that no good will movement justifies the surrender of a tradition of historic loyalty. Good will must not be purchased; it must not be bribed; it must not be extorted. It must be merited by those who are deeply and unalterably self-respecting. The Jew has every reason for self-reverence, and self-reverence is not to be bartered away at the alters of a cheap expediency."

UNRRA PERMITTED TO FINANCE RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL WORK IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will be permitted, where it deems it advisable, to finance religious and educational programs in countries where it will operate, as a result of a compromise between Senate and House conferees reached yesterday.

Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced that the conference had decided to delete an amendment from the resolution authorizing U. S. participation in UNRRA which would have barred appropriation of its funds for any religious or educational programs.