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HUNGARY AGREES TO DELIVER 3,000 POLISH JEWS TO GESTAPO; INTENDS TO "LIQUIDATE" ALL JEWS

ISTANBUL, March 28. (JTA) -- Assurances that 3,000 Polish Jews, some of whom participated in the battle of the Warsaw ghetto, will be handed over to the Gestapo for deportation to Poland has been given by the Hungarian puppet government to the German occupation authorities in Budapest, it was reported today by an Hungarian diplomat arriving here.

The diplomat suggested that President Roosevelt's statement of last week, warning of post-war reprisals against those helping to deport or murder Jews in Nazi-held countries, should be rebroadcast to Hungary every day. He confirmed the reports that deportations of Jews have already started and added that the new Hungarian puppet cabinet has issued an order for immediate enforcement of all anti-Jewish laws.

A special cabinet meeting at which new anti-Jewish measures will be decided upon is scheduled for tomorrow, the Budapest radio announced last night. The new measures are expected to bring about "the liquidation of all destructive elements, including Jews," the broadcast said. It added that in the meantime all Jewish and liberal newspapers had "either been closed down or voluntarily ceased publication on seeing that there was no room for them in Hungary."

The Budapest radio also reported that the Hungarian Bar Association has addressed a petition to the new Minister of Justice asking for the "complete exclusion of Jews" from the organization. The Minister of Justice, Stephen Antal, has long been known as a leader of the anti-Semitic movement in Hungary. The Bar Association has 1,484 Jewish members, the Budapest broadcast said.

10,000 Jews Arrested in Hungary, Hundreds of Suicides Reported

STOCKHOLM, March 28. (JTA) -- The Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet today reports that more than 10,000 Jews had been arrested and placed in concentration camps in Hungary by last Friday. "Several hundred Jews have committed suicide and thousands continue to flee from their homes with little hope of escaping," the paper says.

The drive against the Jews in Hungary is conducted under German supervision, the report continued. Many of the arrested Jews are being deported to unknown destinations while others are being conscripted for slave labor. The property of arrested Jews is being confiscated, and further anti-Jewish action of a more sweeping nature is expected.

The Hungarian radio, meanwhile, continues to broadcast anti-Jewish propaganda. It alleges that about 40,000 Jews have moved to Budapest from other parts of the country since the outbreak of the war and charges that "Jewish leaders are taking sides against Hungary and her allies through international connections just as they did in the last war."

The Budapest radio today tried to impress upon the Hungarian people that "the Jews in Hungary gambled for the enemy's victory and were doing all they could to break the resistance of our country." It added that "despite the unique Jewish organization in the capital, the economic and political strength of Budapest will prevent Jews from bringing about the ruin of the country."

SLOVAK GOVERNMENT WARNS POPULATION AGAINST HIDING JEWS ESCAPING FROM HUNGARY

ZURICH, March 28. (JTA) -- The Slovakian radio today warned the local non-Jewish population against giving shelter to Jews escaping from Hungary or seeking to avoid deportation from Slovakia. The broadcast disclosed that Slovakian peasants are employing Jews on their farms and are hiding them from the authorities to help them escape deportation.

"Some Jews have been hiding in the forests near Bystre for more than two years and the government commissioner of that district failed to report them to the gendarmerie," the broadcast complained. It added that such actions will no longer be tolerated.

ARMY PLEDGES IMMEDIATE END OF JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN ALL LIBERATED AREAS

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- That the complete elimination of Nazi discriminatory legislation and regulations in countries liberated by the United Nations is a basic policy of the United States Government, was indicated by Major General J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General of the United States Army, in a letter to Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee, made public today.

This official statement of the United States policy for the Jews in countries liberated from Axis domination was made by General Ulio in answer to a suggestion of the American Jewish Committee that specific instructions by American occupational forces on equality of food rationing be given to local authorities in all liberated areas.

General Ulio, speaking for the officers in Allied Military Government (AMG), said: "Our policy toward Germany is based upon the fundamental principle that Nazi and all other evil influences and discriminatory practices shall be completely eliminated. In furtherance of this policy, your letter is being brought to the attention of the authorities charged with the responsibility of planning for the administration of civil affairs in territories to be occupied by our forces."

The letter from the American Jewish Committee, pointing out that "Jews in Axis-occupied Europe are compelled to subsist on about one-half of normal food allotments," specifically requested that "complete equality of rationing will be immediately instituted" for those who previously suffered from discrimination because the Nazis had issued special ration cards stamped "Jew."

Dr. Slawson said that similar letters had been sent by the American Jewish Committee to the governments of Yugoslavia, Poland, Norway, Luxembourg, Greece, Czechoslovakia and the French Committee of National Liberation. He indicated that the Norwegian Government through Francis Irgens, Counselor of the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, had written that "as soon as part or the whole of Norway has been liberated, rationing will be taken over by the regular Norwegian authorities and any discriminatory persisting rules will just be disregarded."

SWEDEN WILL AID WAR REFUGEE BOARD BUT CANNOT SEND SHIPS TO RESCUE RUMANIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- The War Refugee Board today confirmed a report that it has failed to reach an agreement with the Swedish Government concerning use of Swedish ships to evacuate Jews from Rumania and other Black Sea ports to Palestine.

The fact that such an agreement has not yet been reached does not reflect a negative attitude on the part of the Swedish Government, which has always displayed a sympathetic interest in saving refugees, a War Refugee Board spokesman said. The Swedish Minister in Washington has assured the War Refugee Board that his government is prepared to do everything possible to aid the efforts of the Board, the WRB spokesman added.

IRGUN TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORISM IN PALESTINE; NEW WARNINGS ISSUED

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- The Irgun Zvai Leumi, the illegal Jewish military organization of extremist youths, today assumed responsibility for the bombing last week of police headquarters in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jaffa which resulted in the death and wounding of several police officials.

In letters received today by editors of Hebrew newspapers here, the Irgun says that the authorities misinformed the press as to the real perpetrators of last week's explosions. The letters, signed "Chief of Staff of the Irgun," asserted that "the actions against the police headquarters were carried out by soldiers of the Irgun Zvai Leumi. We hope to be able to give you more information soon."

The office of the District Commissioner as well as the Tax Office this morning received anonymous telephone calls warning that the premises would soon be bombed and urging their immediate evacuation "in order to avoid casualties." Troops arrived immediately and cordoned the places off, diverting traffic.

A British constable, Thomas Langley, who was fired upon by an unknown assailant last Thursday, died here today.

FROM KIEV TO WESTERN UKRAINE AND DOWN DNIEPER, NOT A SINGLE JEW REMAINS

MOSCOW, March 28. (JTA) -- A Jewish tankist from Biro-Bidjan, now fighting with Red Army troops in the Ukraine, reveals in a report made public today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here, that from Kiev down the Dnieper, and westward to Zhitomir, Vinnitsa and into the western Ukraine he encountered no Jews in areas where, before the German invasion, hundreds of thousands of Jews had resided.

"From Kiev," he writes, "I rode through hundreds of inhabited places along the right bank of the Dnieper, but there wasn't a Jew left in any of them. Nor did I find any Jews in Zhitomir, Berdichev, Belaya, Tschekov or Kazatin, or in the thousands of villages and towns we took in the Ukraine. There were thousands and thousands of Jews living in these places when the Germans came."

At the same time, the Anti-Fascist Committee released the depositions of many captured German soldiers, disclosing the atrocities against Jews committed by the Nazi troops. Details revealed in these accounts - which cover cities and towns from one end of occupied Russia to the other - range from stories which are unprintable to the relatively moderate punishment of death by starvation or machineguns.

A junior officer attached to an infantry regiment of the 227th German Grenadier Division discloses that the usual Nazi method of mass-execution of thousands of Jews by machinegun fire was replaced later by a more efficient and faster procedure. Enormous numbers of people were jammed into gigantic pits, most often dug by the victims, which had been mined. When the pits were packed to capacity the mines were exploded killing the bulk of the Jews and covering any who were not instantly killed with piles of debris which suffocated them.

NZO ASKS INCLUSION OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN AGENCY DELEGATION TO NEW YORK CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- The New Zionist Organization is demanding of the Jewish Agency that one of its representatives be included in the delegation which the Agency is sending to the forthcoming conference of the World Jewish Congress, opening May 6 in New York, it was learned here today. A similar demand has been put forward by the Yemenite Jews.

SENATE HEARS PLEAS FOR ACTION TO KEEP PALESTINE OPEN TO JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Three Senators - Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, Bennet Champ Clark of Missouri and Styles Bridges of New Hampshire - today protested from the floor of the Senate against the British White Paper, which goes into effect at the end of this week, and demanded its immediate abrogation.

"Next Sunday," Senator Edwin C. Johnson declared "will become one of the black days in the history of England unless in the remaining few days of this week the British Government rescinds its iniquitous White Paper which halts Jewish immigration into Palestine. In the past five years Hitler and his henchmen have been exterminating Jews in Germany, in Poland and in the occupied countries at an estimated rate of more than 10,000 per day. Hitler has killed more Jews a day--every day--than Britain has permitted to find refuge in Palestine in a year. Now Hitler and Himmler the hangman have moved into Hungary and Rumania, and once more Jewish slaughter stands first on the agenda of hate in those unhappy lands."

"Just two weeks ago," Johnson continued, "President Roosevelt asserted that the American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper. Of course, it has not, but neither has it voiced its disapproval. So in the absence of a protest by the United States, the British Government has continued its unlawful policy for five years." The overwhelming majority of American citizens, are appalled at the premeditated extermination of the Jewish people. They want justice accorded the Jew. They know that a just settlement of this problem is a Christian problem."

Johnson asked that the Senate face realities and do all in its power to keep the gates of Palestine open to the end that "it shall become a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

Says U.S. is Party to Nullification of Palestine Mandate

Denouncing the British Government for making the Mandate for Palestine "a scrap of paper," Senator Bennet Champ Clark charged that the United States Government is equally a party to this nullification. "By our silence of nearly five years," he said, "we have to all practical purposes given our consent to this tragic violation of the pledged word of 51 nations." If the White Paper is put into operation, Clark declared, the tragedy of the Jew in our time will be infinitely worse than the tragedy of the Jew throughout the ages.

Pointing out that the "only word of protest uttered by a responsible official of the American Government was spoken a few days ago in the White House by the President," Clark said, "I do not believe a great humanitarian like Mr. Roosevelt will be content merely with an indirect statement to the effect that the 'United States Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939.' The time has passed when mere words will halt this tragedy. Action is needed." Clark, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that as far as he knew there was little opposition to the Wagner-Taft resolution on Palestine in the Committee.

Senator Styles Bridges said: "It would be a major tragedy if, literally on the eve of our winning World War II, fought in the interest of the freedom of all peoples and nations, that tens of thousands of additional Jews should perish because of Hitler's fury on one hand and the inability to find a place to go on the other. If Palestine were open, there would be a place for them to go. The need for a free Palestine is great today but the need will be infinitely greater when the task of rehabilitation begins in the post-war era," he concluded.

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BAN ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE EFFECTIVE TOMORROW; STATUS OF U.S. JEWS UNCLEAR

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- The question of whether Jews who are American citizens will be admitted to Palestine for permanent residence after the closing of Palestine's doors to Jewish immigration this Friday under the terms of the British White Paper, was a subject of discussion here today among members of Congress.

Puzzled and confused as a result of President Roosevelt's statement yesterday in which he supported the War Department's opposition to the Palestine resolution now before the House of Representatives and the Senate, and considering this statement to be a flat refusal by the President to intervene with the British Government for withdrawal of the White Paper ban on Jewish immigration, members of Congress wanted to know what would happen after Friday if an American Jew applies for a Palestine visa and is refused on the ground that Jewish immigration to Palestine -- except for 20,000 refugees -- is no longer permitted.

There are at present several thousand American Jews in Palestine, most of them elderly Jews who because of religious attachment to the land of their forefathers, have made Jerusalem their permanent home.

No obstacles have hitherto been placed in the way of Jews entering Palestine on permanent visas. The present ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine, however, will make it legally impossible for any American Jew to take up permanent residence there, while no such restrictions will apply to non-Jews.

Situation Compared with Ban on American Jews in Czarist Russia

It was recalled here today that the situation in Palestine may resemble that which prevailed in Czarist Russia where Jewish holders of American passports were barred from residence in the sections of Russia closed to Jews in general. This resulted in an exchange of correspondence between the State Department and the Czarist Government and caused the abrogation of the U. S. treaty of 1832 with Russia in 1911 following a resolution to this effect adopted in both houses of Congress.

It was also recalled here today that the State Department toward the end of the last century protested to the Turkish Government when American Jews were refused admission to Palestine which, at that time, was a part of Turkey. At present, since Palestine is a mandated territory in which the interests of American citizens are specifically protected by special provisions, the ban on immigration of American Jews for permanent residence in Jerusalem or any other part of Palestine would be contrary to America's stipulations with regard to the mandate. At the same time, the admission of American Jews would be contrary to the restrictions of the White Paper.

Diplomatic circles here predicted today that the ban of Jewish immigration to Palestine -- excepting the 20,000 Jewish refugees who can still come there under the White Paper quota -- will probably remain in effect until the end of the war.

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They based their observations on the fact that President Roosevelt, in his statement yesterday, emphasized that the Palestine problem is a civilian question for the future to be worked out in connection with the peace.

Zionist Leaders Refrain from Commenting on Roosevelt's Statement

Zionist leaders, though apparently disappointed, today refused to comment on President Roosevelt's statement, which is considered a blow to Zionist efforts and to the work of rescuing Jews from occupied Europe. Disappointment at "the President's attitude" was expressed by Senator Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado Democrat, and Senator Bennett C. Clark, Missouri Democrat. The latter, who led an hour-long debate in the Senate yesterday, declared that the President's statement still presented no bar to Senate action on the Palestine resolution.

President Roosevelt's statement, made at his press conference, came as a shock to all members of Congress who have gone on record as supporters of Jewish immigration to Palestine. The President said that his views on Palestine, as expressed through Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise recently, conformed to, rather than conflicted with, the position taken by the War Department.

On the one hand, the President pointed out, there was a military matter, on the other hand a civilian question for the future to be worked out in connection with the peace. The military aspect, the President thought, was a temporary bar to further discussion at the present time. A very serious bar, too, he added.

The President declined to go into a general discussion of the Palestine situation. He apparently saw no conflict between his previous statement that the U. S. Government has never approved the British White Paper and his present endorsement of the War Department's opposition to any Senate action on the Palestine resolution which asks for the abrogation of the White Paper. The immediate problem, he said, was what can be done for the refugees coming out of Europe through Spain and through the Balkans into Turkey. The number of these refugees was relatively small and not all of them are Jews, he added.

CHIEF RABBI OF HUNGARY SENT TO CONCENTRATION CAMP; RUMANIAN JEWS REACH TURKEY

ISTANBUL, March 29. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here today from Budapest reveal that the Chief Rabbi of Hungary has been placed in a concentration camp by the Gestapo and that raids on Jewish homes throughout Hungary continue. The report did not give the name of the rabbi.

"For the last eight days trucks loaded with Jews have been proceeding from Budapest and other Hungarian cities to unknown destinations," the report stated. "Among those arrested are hundreds of the most prominent Jews in the country, including the Jewish industrialist Leo Goldberger who is a personal friend of Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary." Goldberger was made a member of the House of Lords in 1932.

The German Transcontinental Press today reported that Dr. Istvan Kulchar, well-known Hungarian anti-Semite, has been appointed Hungarian Commissioner for Unemployed Intellectuals "because of his great experience in Jewish public and economic life," to place Hungarian "intellectuals" in posts presently held by Jews.

A Turkish steamer, the S.S. Milka, carrying 243 Jewish refugees from Rumania, reached Istanbul today from the Rumanian port of Constanza. The Jewish Agency is making arrangements to move the refugees from Turkey to Palestine by land. Most of them are children. Rabbi Sabattai Dajen, chief rabbi of the Sephardic community in Rumania, also reached Istanbul today en route to Palestine.

JEWS HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM STREETS OF PARIS AND BRUSSELS, NEUTRAL TRAVELLER REPORTS

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- The yellow stars which marked the Jews of France and Belgium have disappeared from the streets of Paris and Brussels, indicating the extent to which the Germans have purged those cities of Jews, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by a neutral traveller who was in the French and Belgian capitals recently.

The JTA informant said that it is almost impossible to ascertain the whereabouts of former Jewish acquaintances. Non-Jewish neighbors, when queried concerning the fate of Jews who had lived in the neighborhood, can only furnish the vaguest details as to their sudden disappearance, or, in some cases, gruesome stories of how the Jews were taken from their homes by the police in the middle of the night and never heard of again. Even the families of the arrested Jews never learn what has happened to them.

From conversations he had with anti-German Frenchmen and Belgians, the neutral traveller voiced the opinion that a defeat of the Germans will not, automatically, bring an end to anti-Semitism in western Europe. He said that some of the Nazi arguments concerning Jews have influenced the populations of the occupied countries, resulting in these people asserting that while they were not opposed to native Jews, they would object to immigration of Jews from eastern Europe after the war.

3,000 JEWISH WAR PRISONERS KILLED BY GERMANS, CAPTURED NAZI TESTIFIES

MOSCOW, March 29. (JTA) -- Three thousand Jewish Red Army men who were among the Russian troops captured in the Ukraine by the Germans, were executed in Dnepropetrovsk in February, 1942, in violation of all international conventions covering the treatment of war prisoners, it is revealed in testimony by a captured German, Pft. Walter Pfeifer of the 31st Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division, made public here today. Pfeifer stated that he had personally seen his commanding officer shoot 80 Jewish prisoners in one day.

Another German prisoner, Sgt.-Major Arthur Schrants, radioman attached to the 4th Aviation Squadron, reveals in his testimony that the Germans killed hundreds of Jewish civilians, including children, in Pyatigorsk by lining them up in an open field and compelling them to grasp an uninsulated wire through which a heavy electric charge was sent, killing them instantly.

In Rzhnev, 900 Jewish men, women and children were driven into a barn and machinegunned, it was disclosed by Cpl. Franz Weskalines of the 336th Regiment of the 161st Infantry Division. After the machinegunners had completed their task, the bodies of the victims were drenched with kerosene and set afire, he said. In this manner many Jews who had only been wounded by the bullets were burned alive.

The above incidents are typical of those reported in thousands of accounts of German atrocities against Jews which have been gathered by Soviet commissions for use in war criminal trials after hostilities have ceased, or perhaps, even before then if the perpetrators of the crimes are captured alive.

ZIONIST LEADERS DISCUSS PALESTINE PROBLEMS WITH CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

OTTAWA, March 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, and A. J. Freiman, honorary president of the Canadian Zionist Organization, today conferred here with Prime Minister MacKenzie King on questions affecting Palestine.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD SENDS LARGE SHIPMENTS OF MATZOTH TO U.S. SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Assurance that Jewish members of the armed forces in every part of the world will be enabled to observe the Passover, which begins Friday eve, April 7, was given today by Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board in his report on the holiday activities of the Board.

Shipment of matzoth, sacramental wine, Haggadoth and other Passover supplies, began last November, Mr. Weil revealed. To date more than 400,000 boxes of matzoth, 7,000 gallons of wine and 190,000 Passover prayer books have been shipped by the Jewish Welfare Board and are awaiting distribution to the servicemen and women through regular army channels.

A circular letter issued by the Army to unit commanders in North Africa reads: "through the same channels that subsistence rations are drawn, a ration of matzoth may be drawn for every Jewish man in the theater. This unleavened bread has been provided by the Jewish Welfare Board. Haggadoth are packed in cases, one for each ration. You may find that a group of your men wish to assemble for a Seder service, if there are no homes to which they may be invited, nor a Jewish chaplain in the immediate vicinity to conduct a service for them. Please give such groups any help they need in organizing the Seder." Similar circular letters have been issued in every theater of war, Mr. Weil reported.

ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL JOINS JEWISH AGENCY IN CONDEMNING PALESTINE TERROR

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, representing all major Zionist groups in the United States, today issued a statement condemning the recent terroristic outbreaks in Palestine.

At a meeting of the council, a resolution was adopted supporting the stand taken by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which has declared that "the deadly hand which directed these crimes is unwittingly or maliciously helping the enemies of the Jewish people."

HEAD OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO ADDRESS JDC CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, March 29. (JTA) -- John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, will make his first public address since his appointment by President Roosevelt, at the mid-western conference of the Joint Distribution Committee at the Hotel Stevens here on Sunday, April 2.

Representatives of Jewish communities from nine states in the Middle West are expected to attend the meeting, which will be addressed, in addition to Mr. Pehle, by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Judge Ulysses S. Schwartz, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, who will preside.

NATIONAL CANADIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ASKS ABOGATION OF WHITE PAPER

MONTREAL, March 29. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, a non-Jewish organization with a dominion-wide membership of 75,000, has gone on record as opposing the White Paper on Palestine, it was announced here today. At the same time, the Institute expressed the hope that Palestine will be reconstituted as a Jewish national home within the British Empire.