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50,000 JEWS IN HUNGARY ARRESTED; SUICIDES AMONG HUNGARIAN JEWS MOUNTING

ISTANBUL, April 4. (JTA) -- A report reaching here today from Budapest estimates that more than 50,000 Jews have been arrested in Hungary since the occupation of the country by German troops.

The report quotes the Hungarian press as stating that the number of suicides among Jews is increasing. Among those who have committed suicide by taking gas are a prominent 65-year-old Jewish industrialist, Erno Vadas, also a number of former municipal officials. Several Jews have taken their lives by throwing themselves from windows of high buildings, while the majority of suicides took poison, the report said.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ACCUSES JEWS OF NON-COOPERATION IN CHECKING TERROR

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The charge that the Jewish community in Palestine has failed to give the authorities the necessary cooperation in crushing the terrorist groups responsible for the recent outrages, was voiced today by John V. W. Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, addressing foreign correspondents. He declared that the arrest over the week-end of 60 persons throughout the country "should have a good effect on the security situation."

Replying to questions, the Chief Secretary denied that the curfew which was lifted Sunday after nine days had been a punitive measure directed against the Jewish population and described it as an action necessary to restore order and facilitate the capture of the perpetrators of the outrages. "It was certainly not a punitive measure against the Jewish community," Shaw declared. "The curfew, by clearing the streets at night had made it more difficult for terrorists to circulate and also very much relieved the police by lightening their duties. That was the object of the curfew."

Shaw declared that the curfew only applied to the Jewish quarters because that was where the outrages had occurred and where the perpetrators lived. He said the authorities had not wanted to retain the curfew any longer than necessary and that it was lifted as soon as the security officers deemed fit. He warmly defended the Palestine police and denied as "utterly fantastic" charges that they did not want to catch the terrorists.

Denies Police Using Gestapo Methods on Jewish Suspects

Asked why the police had not advertised the names and descriptions of the wanted men, he replied that that was a question of police policy. Asked about the circumstances surrounding the escape of a score of Sternists (members of the Stern terror gang) from the Latroun detention camp, he replied: "All I can answer on that is that it was certainly not police connivance." He also denied assertions that the police were using brutality and Gestapo methods in their treatment of suspects.

Discussing the attitude of the Jewish community toward the police, Shaw declared: "No police force can operate to full efficiency to protect lives and property without the support of active public opinion and the physical support of the

population itself. Here you have got a situation where there is a difference of opinion on matters of policy between the Jewish people and the Government which, to a certain extent, leads the law-abiding section of the Jewish community--which is the overwhelming majority--not to cooperate on security matters as they should. All the Government has done has been to impress upon them that we should get their full cooperation in running those thugs to earth. It does not ask the people to make arrests in the streets. All it asks is information. We have not had from the Jewish community the cooperation we expect in the line of information."

In response to a question, the Chief Secretary admitted that the Government had never directly appealed to the public for cooperation. "I am prepared to cooperate with the Jewish Agency to the limit of my powers when they are prepared to cooperate with me," he added.

Asked by one correspondent to characterize the Arab attitude in the recent events, the Chief Secretary replied; "The Arab attitude has been correct. They have been quiet and correct. The Arab press was certainly very critical at one phase last week. Whether the censorship allowed them too much latitude is a matter of opinion."

Palestine Press Rejects New Immigration Proposal Aimed at Arab-Jewish Parity

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish press in Palestine today takes exception to a proposal advanced in London that a new White Paper be issued by the British Government, to supersede the White Paper under which the gates of Palestine have technically been closed to Jewish immigration, and that this new document allow Jewish immigration into Palestine until Arab-Jewish numerical parity is reached.

The proposal, published in The Economist, leading British financial newspaper, was made last week upon the expiration of the terms of the White Paper of 1939 which is opposed by Jews in all democratic countries. The Economist predicted that the 1939 document will never produce the expected results.

Replying to the parity suggestion, the Hebrew newspaper Mishmar today declares in an editorial that it does not fulfil Jewish aims. "Though this proposal constitutes some progress for the Zionist cause, it cannot be accepted because the Zionist movement will never agree to any deliberate restriction on Jewish immigration." The paper adds that the proposal for numerical parity need not be mistaken for Arab-Jewish political equality in Palestine which would find support among various Zionist groups.

Pointing out that "the Jewish people will not surrender its fate to any federation as long as vital Zionist needs are not safeguarded," the Mishmar editorial continues; "Our right to immigration cannot depend on the establishment of a federation of Arab countries, which rightly provokes apprehension among Jews, unless the needs of Zionist upbuilding in Palestine are secured. A bi-national solution of Palestine problems is possible. So is the linking of Palestine with a broader federation. But this must not be carried out at the cost of Zionism."

The Hatsofe, another Hebrew daily newspaper, commenting on the London proposal, says that "this suggestion is neither new nor original. It is the partition plan and the plan to establish a pan-Arab federation." The paper emphasizes that no plan will be accepted by the Jews which restricts Jewish immigration in any way.

HULL SAYS NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON SENDING FOOD TO OCCUPIED EUROPE

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- The United States Government has been checking and rechecking the possibilities of sending relief through the blockade to the hungry people of occupied Europe, but has not yet reached a definite decision, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today at his press conference.

MOSCOW JEWISH CONFERENCE OPENS; HEARS HOW GESTAPO DEPOPULATED JEWISH TOWNS IN USSR

MOSCOW, April 4. (JTA) -- The extent to which Gestapo executioners have depopulated huge sections of Russia which prior to the war had hundreds of thousands of Jewish inhabitants, was revealed here today by speakers addressing the third annual meeting of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, which is being held simultaneously with a nationwide conference of representatives of the Jews of the U.S.S.R.

Among the Red Army officers participating in the conferences, which opened on Sunday, is Lieut.-Col. Rafael Milner, a be-medaled veteran of three years of war, who came here from the front in order to attend the meetings. Lieut.-Col. Milner disclosed that in all the villages recaptured by his regiment in White Russia, and later in the Dnieper region, the Russian troops did not encounter a single Jew, so thorough had been the German extermination of the Jewish population. "Nothing is left of the Jewish population, but the bodies we found in large mass graves everywhere," the Red Army officer said. "The German cut-throats spared neither old people nor infants."

Among the many accounts of Jewish heroism in the struggle against the German invaders released this week by the Anti-Fascist Committee in connection with its conference, is a story of a Jewish peasant family from the town of Larindorf, which, by itself, battled German occupation troops in the Crimea until it was able to amass sufficient arms to join with other small groups to form a formidable partisan detachment.

The family consists of Zorach Kon, the father, a veteran of World War I, his two sons and a daughter. The mother of the family and a relative have been killed in battles with the Nazis. A correspondent who recently spent some time with the Kon unit reports that old Zorach refuses to be evacuated to Russian-held territory for a rest, but is determined to remain behind the German lines in the Crimea so that he can be "among the first to return to Larindorf."

POLISH SOLDIER CONVICTED OF KILLING JEW IN PALESTINE IS FREED BY HIGHER COURT

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Palestine Court of Appeals today reversed the conviction of Jan Haidamovicz, a Polish soldier who was found guilty of manslaughter by the Criminal Assizes for killing Zalman Shuster, a Jewish taxi-driver, who had been illegally detained at a Polish military camp somewhere in Palestine.

When sentencing Haidamovicz to two years imprisonment on March 16, the presiding justice of the Criminal Assizes stated that Shuster's arrest by Polish authorities and his detention was illegal; that the instructions given the camp guards, to shoot the prisoner if he tried to escape, were "manifestly unlawful," and that all evidence pointed to the fact that Haidamovicz intended to kill Shuster. It was not made clear today on what basis the Appeals Court reversed the conviction.

The resentment felt by the Jewish community as a result of the Haidamovicz case has been increased by the attitude of a Polish refugee named Jan Yubbis, now residing here, who when hauled into court for beating an aged Jew defended himself by stating that "I used to beat Jews in Poland; I do not see any reason why I should not beat them here." Despite his defiant remarks, the court only fined Yubbis three pounds and freed him. It was later learned that the victim of the assault, 60-year-old Jacob Sandler in whose boarding house Yubbis had dwelt, committed suicide following the beating.

IMMIGRATION INTO U. S. LOWEST IN EIGHTY YEARS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORTS

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- Immigration into the United States during the year ending June, 1943, was the lowest in eighty years, and naturalization figures were the highest since records were begun, according to the annual report which the Department of Justice today transmitted to Congress.

Only 23,775 aliens entered the United States as immigrants, with the intention of remaining permanently, the report reveals. Non-immigrant admissions totalled only 81,117, including 16,328 officials of foreign governments and their families.

Emphasizing that "the drastic decline in immigration has been accompanied by the most active period of naturalization since the inception of the department's records in 1907," the report said that certificates of naturalization were granted to 281,459 civilians, 36,049 alien members of the armed forces stationed in the United States and outlying possessions and 1,425 members of the armed forces on foreign soil. This was an increase of 17.4 percent over last year and 109.1 percent over the average for the years of 1931-1940. Among those who acquired citizenship by naturalization were 52,274 enemy aliens whose loyalty was fully established by special investigation.

The immigration and naturalization service, according to the report, has "done everything in its power to facilitate the naturalization process, without sacrifice of the safeguards provided by law; and to stimulate the various programs of citizenship education which are desired to assist our newest citizens to understand their obligations as well as their rights."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM RUMANIA LEAVE TURKEY FOR PALESTINE; AIDED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- A group of 238 Jewish refugees who succeeded in escaping from Rumania on the Turkish steamer "Milka" and were permitted to land in Turkey through the intervention of U. S. Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt, left Istanbul yesterday by train for Palestine, according to a cable received today by Dr. James G. Heller, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, from the Jewish Agency representative in Turkey.

The cable reported that among the refugees were 209 Jews who had escaped from Csernowitz just before the German armies were driven from the city. The remainder had fled from Bucharest. They sailed from the Rumanian port of Constanza without any Turkish visas, but were permitted to land in Turkey after Ambassador Steinhardt obtained special permission from the Turkish Foreign Minister.

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB GIVES \$10,000 TO JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, April 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society of America today announced that it has received a special donation of \$10,000 from the Book-of-the-Month Club, of New York City, as a memorial to the late Katherine Harris Scherman, the mother of Harry Scherman, founder of the Club and its president.

DR. ERNST KNOFFMACHER, WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Knopfmacher, noted journalist who had been connected with the World Jewish Congress since its establishment in Geneva, died here today from a heart attack. He was 56 years old.

Dr. Knopfmacher, together with his wife, arrived in the United States several weeks ago from Mexico, where they represented the World Jewish Congress. He was born in Austria and worked on the editorial staff of German newspapers in Berlin until the Nazis came to power. He then moved to Paris where he established the political archives of the World Jewish Congress, of which his wife was executive secretary. They left Paris after the fall of France.