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CHIEF OF POLISH ARMY ADMITS HIS ORDERS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE.

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- Jewish soldiers who, because of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army, have been transferred to the British armed forces, will be considered by the Polish military authorities as "deserters" and the Polish State will "in the future" hold them responsible, says an order of the day issued by Gen. Sosnkowski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish armed forces.

At the same time, it was admitted in Polish circles here that the majority of the 600 Jews who still remain in the Polish armed forces are serving faithfully despite all provocations. Several members of the Polish Army whose anti-Semitic activities have driven more than 170 Polish Jewish soldiers into British units have already been dealt with by court martials, Polish official circles stated without disclosing, however, the verdicts of the court. Thirty Jewish soldiers who left the Polish Army and came to London recently to seek enlistment in the British forces, have been arrested and returned to their units.

In his order of the day, Gen. Sosnkowski says that although six months have elapsed since he urged upon his troops that they dwell in harmony and mutual trust, without any differentiation as to race and religion, his orders have not achieved the necessary results.

"I most emphatically condemn desertions from the ranks of the Polish Army, which is fighting for the independence of the whole of Poland and for the freedom of all her citizens without differences as to creed or nationality," says Gen. Sosnkowski's order. "The fact that permission was given to these men to be transferred to the British Army does not in the least mean that their case is settled and that the Polish State will in the future not hold for consequences those guilty of desertion.

"On the other hand, however, I intend to destroy all wrongful acts and unfriendly behaviour wherever this may occur. Armed forces must be based on equality of rights and duties without regard as to faith or political opinion, always mindful of loyalty to Poland and her interests, the only exception, of course, being political groups acting as agencies of foreign powers."

Emphasizing that the creation of disharmony in the ranks of the Polish Army puts weapons in the hands of the enemy, Gen. Sosnkowski's order of the day concludes; "I must point out that my order as Commander-in-Chief is not an appeal. Therefore, I demand that officers and men act accordingly. All commanders are to see to it that this order is carried out."

British Parliamentarian Insists on Transfer of Jews from Polish to British Army

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- Tom Driberg, Independent M.P., who raised the question of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army which precipitated last week's debate in the House of Commons, today stated that he does not believe that the further conversations which Foreign Secretary Eden has promised to hold with the Polish Government on the subject of stamping out anti-Jewish discrimination in the Polish armed forces will be effective if they are limited merely to the general question of anti-Semitism and do not deal

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directly with the question of transferring from the Polish to the British army and navy all those Jewish soldiers and sailors who wish to change.

"I do not believe that you can stamp out anti-Semitism by instructions and through the issuing of orders-of-the-day, or by anything else of that formal nature," Driberg said. "Perhaps more brutal and blatant manifestations could be checked, but I am afraid that the underlying feelings and less obvious manifestations will still remain. In the course of this war I have met a large number of Polish officers who unfortunately have certain fixed prejudice against Jews. I have seen it again and again among almost all Polish officers with whom I have come in contact."

Emphasizing that he was convinced that the existence of these strong anti-Jewish feelings among Polish officers forced Jewish soldiers to leave the ranks of the Polish Army during the last few weeks and come to London to appeal for a transfer into the British armed forces, Driberg stated, "The story of these men is absolutely convincing. They are for the most part highly trained combat soldiers and they emphasize most strongly that they are not trying to run away from the war duty of fighting men. On the contrary. They want to do the fighting where they believe they can do it most effectively - in the ranks of the British Army."

Declaring that "anti-Semitism is intolerable in the midst of war," Driberg said that the Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army are "in a state of helpless agony and distress of spirit." He pointed out the Polish authorities and the British Foreign Office together with the War Office had arranged for the transfer to the British armed forces of 200 Jews from the Polish Army and he could not see, therefore, why the transfer of 600 more Jews should be refused.

The Independent M.P. revealed that the Jews who were transferred from the Polish forces have written him expressing their joy and relief at "once more being treated like human beings instead of like outcasts and scum." The transferred Jewish soldiers told him that Polish officers had boasted that they have "two bullets, one for a Jew and the other for a German, which will be used when the Polish forces reach the continent."

TWO JEWS, SUSPECTED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, KILLED BY POLICE IN PALESTINE COLONY

JERUSALEM, APRIL 9. (JTA) -- Two Jews, suspected of being responsible for the recent outbreaks in Haifa, were killed yesterday in the Yavniel settlement in an exchange of shots with the police. The police surrounded a house in the settlement when they were informed that two terrorists were hiding there. They were met by gun fire from the house and replied, killing the two men inside. No police casualties were reported.

An exchange of shots took place last night in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv between police and persons distributing leaflets of the terrorist organization Irgun Zvai Leumi. No casualties were reported and no arrests were made.

JEWS NOT PERMITTED TO FLEE BUDAPEST TO ESCAPE AIR RAIDS; JEWISH WORKERS TO BE OUSTED

ZURICH, April 9. (JTA) -- Those Jews who have not yet been deported from Budapest must remain in the city, while other citizens may leave if they desire. In view of the danger from Allied air raids, according to an announcement by General Voros, head of the Hungarian Air Raid Protection Service, reported today by the German Transkontinent Press.

Meanwhile, the Budapest radio announced that the puppet government has issued a decree providing for the immediate discharge of all Jewish employees by October 1. Fifty percent of a firm's Jewish workers must be discharged at once and the remainder by the end of September. All professions are to be cleared of Jews by May 31, the decree orders.

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AMERICAN JEWISH SERVICEMEN MARK PASSOVER AT SEDERS IN FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Jewish men and women in the United States armed forces in the four corners of the globe marked Passover at festive seders at front line stations, in army camps, service centers and private homes, according to reports reaching the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today from Britain, Palestine, Italy, various parts of the United States and front line posts.

In Palestine scores of Jewish soldiers transported from camps in the Middle East attended seders in private homes in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other places. The Jewish Hospitality Committee was besieged by the local Jewish population with more invitations than it could begin to use. Many homes had Jewish soldiers from the American, British and South African forces seated around their seder tables. The American soldiers will spend a week in Palestine visiting points of interest throughout the country. Among the Americans are many non-Jews.

A report from Italy states that more than 1,000 Jewish men attached to the American Fifth Army participated in a front line seder attended by Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the U.S. forces in Italy. Gen. Clark told the observants, who included several women, that Jewish soldiers had played an important role in the fighting and that many had been decorated or wounded. Following the services, the men returned to their front line positions.

In Britain thousands of American Jewish soldiers, men and women, were guests in private homes for both seders and many others attended services in the synagogues. The Jewish Hospitality Committee, which works in cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board, provided seders for servicemen in many British cities.

In the United States thousands of Jewish soldiers greeted Passover at seders in USO clubs arranged by the Jewish Welfare Board and at homes adjacent to army camps. Jewish chaplains officiated at many of the seders, some of which were attended by non-Jewish chaplains and officers.

In many areas American and Canadian Jewish soldiers celebrated the holiday at joint services, the Canadian Jewish Congress reports, revealing that it arranged for 13,000 Jewish men in the Canadian army, navy and air force to observe Passover. Seders were held in posts in the far north and on the Pacific coast.

CONCERN FELT FOR JEWS IN FINLAND IF GERMANS SEIZE FULL CONTROL OF COUNTRY

STOCKHOLM, April 9. (JTA) -- Jewish circles here are concerned over the possibility that "changes" in the Russo-Finnish situation may result in the Jews in Finland being cut off from all avenues of escape in event of an open German occupation of that country. Although the Swedish Government is still pursuing the policy of admitting all legitimate refugees who seek to enter, it is probable that if the Nazis assume full control of Finland they will close the Finnish-Swedish border.

The Helsinki newspaper Suomen Sosialidemokratti this week carried an editorial strongly condemning the German measures against the Jews of Hungary. "We only hope that this disgrace will not mar our continent ineffaceably," the newspaper said, "but that in Hungary, Britain and Germany there will be people who will take action to wipe out this disgrace of our century."

Another Helsinki newspaper, the Sveska Pressen, commenting on the Palestine White Paper immigration ban, states that "the most tragic fact is that the doors of Palestine are closed at a time when 800,000 Hungarian Jews are starting their 'via dolorosa' to 'a country from which no traveller returns,' to 'an inferno of which Dante never dreamed.'"

STATE DEPARTMENT HOPES U.S. JEWS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY BAN ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) --In answer to a query as to the United States' position regarding discrimination against American Jews seeking to enter Palestine, the State Department today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was their understanding that several thousand potential immigrants can still proceed to Palestine under the total allowed by the British White Paper of 1939 and they have no reason to believe that the Palestine Administration will discriminate against American citizens.

(It is understood that the more than 20,000 Palestine visas which can still be issued under the terms of the White Paper are restricted by the British authorities to refugees. At present the Palestine Government is refusing to issue visas to several hundred Jews in Yemen on the theory that they are not refugees from Nazi-held Europe.)

It was pointed out to the State Department that non-Jewish Americans will not be affected by the White Paper ban, and, therefore, the measure is regarded as constituting discrimination against American citizens because of their religious faith. The department, however, declared they would not take a stand on the post-war situation especially since no shipping was available to take American citizens to Palestine now anyway. If a case of an American citizen seeking admittance being denied it comes up, they will deal with the problem then, the Department said.

The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe announced that it has demanded that the British government "clear up the mystery of the whereabouts" of the more than 20,000 certificates of admittance to Palestine and strongly suggested that the certificates be turned over immediately to the War Refugee Board, "a United States agency which daily is saving Jewish lives." This demand was made public after a request to the British Government, through its Ambassador in Washington, to place these certificates at the disposal of the British consulates in Turkey and Spain, had been turned down.

JEWISH FEDERATION MOURNS DEATH OF PERCY S. STRAUS; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Temple Emanu El here for Percy S. Straus, noted Jewish philanthropist and chairman of the Board of R. H. Macy & Co., who died last Thursday night from a heart ailment at the age of 67. Interment will be private.

The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York, of which Mr. Straus was chairman, issued a statement mourning his death. "His vision, his broad humanitarianism and his leadership were ever at the service of all causes that promised the betterment of our city's welfare," the statement said. "His was the long view that built for the future. Over the years his keen intellect and his vigorous devoted personality contributed immeasurably to the growth of the Federation and its affiliated institutions. The founding and upbuilding of the Businessmen's Council of the Federation grew out of his pioneering concept and labors and it is largely his achievement that philanthropic interest and activity are so deeply interwoven with the business and professional life of this community. We have suffered an irreplaceable loss."

Mr. Straus was also a director of the Refugee Economic Corporation and served as president of the Jewish Agricultural Society for eight years. Among his major contributions was \$1,000,000 to New York University, on whose Council he served. During the first World War he was chairman of the executive committee of Industrial Training for War Emergency.