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HOUSE OF LORDS WILL DISCUSS ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY; POLISH INQUIRY HELD BIASED

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The question of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army, which was discussed in the House of Commons last week, will shortly be raised in the House of Lords, it was announced here today by Tom Driberg, Independent member of Commons.

"The question of the mistreatment of Jewish soldiers in the Polish armed forces is by no means settled," Driberg said. "The attempts on the part of the Polish inquiry commission to minimize the anti-Semitic outbreaks would be more convincing if the constitution and the procedure of this commission were clearly shown to be impartial. The commission of five included four officers of the Polish Army and not even one Jew. Nor was any Allied liaison officer invited to join this commission, despite the interest taken by the British Government in the matter."

"We shall continue to draw the Government's attention to this blot on the Allied war effort until it is removed by the transfer of the Jewish men to an army where they will be treated as human beings," Driberg declared.

Polish Authorities Bar Jew from Party Performing for Troops

Sir Herbert Bunnicco, who is in charge of arranging concerts by the government-sponsored ENSA organization for the entertainment of British and Allied troops, today revealed that the Polish authorities did not allow him to include a Jew in a concert program which was to be given for Polish soldiers.

The Jewish Chronicle in a leading article featured under the title "Back to the Jungle" today analyzes the Jewish position in the Polish Army. It is pessimistic with regard to Polish-Jewish relations, and assails "the decision to leave the Polish Jewish soldiers in the inferno of murderous hatred and deny them access to British ranks." The paper suggests that the problem be solved by establishing special Jewish units in the British armed forces into which the Jewish soldiers could be transferred. Emphasizing that Polish anti-Semitism did not start with the present war, the Jewish Chronicle expresses the hope that British pressure will not be exerted "to make exiled Polish Jews go down to hell again."

Dziennik Polski, official organ of the Polish Government, today expresses regret that the debate in Commons on the question of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army has received so much publicity. "In the present situation, every attempt to destroy solidarity between Jews and Poles who are fighting the same enemy for the same cause must be met with condemnation," the paper writes.

Anti-Semitism is Internal Polish Affair, Gazeta Polska Says

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- The debate in Parliament on anti-Semitism in the Polish Army is being used as "camouflage" for other purposes, it is charged today in Gazeta Polska, official Polish newspaper published chiefly for the Polish troops in the Middle East. It criticizes the Reuter news agency for "giving prominence to second rate official pronouncements regarding anti-Jewish feelings in the Polish armed forces and emphasizes that anti-Semitism in the Polish Army "is an internal Polish affair" which will be fought against by Jewish representatives in the Polish National Council.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT SETS UP "CENTRAL JEWISH COUNCIL" TO SPEED ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES

STOCKHOLM, April 13. (JTA) — The German-controlled Hungarian puppet government has established a "Central Jewish Council" which will be responsible to the authorities for all Jewish affairs, it is reported in the Hungarian press reaching here today. The Council will appoint various committees to deal with all matters affecting Jews.

The new body is similar to that set up by the Nazis in other occupied countries for the purpose of facilitating execution of their anti-Jewish measures. When taxes are to be imposed upon Jews, for instance, or deportees selected, the authorities inform the Jewish Council and force it to collect the funds, or choose the deportees.

Meanwhile, the Hungarian press continues to agitate for sweeping anti-Jewish decrees. The newspaper *Ezsi Ujsag* urges that the Hungarian civil service be "purged" of all elements which have protected Jews. "The servants of the Jews must leave their posts," the paper says. "Even leading officials must disappear if they have used their influence in favor of the Semitic element."

Peter Illy, the semi-official organ of the Foreign Ministry, quotes the Hungarian anti-Semitic leader Bela Imredi as demanding "completion" of the anti-Jewish laws. The paper predicts new restrictive legislation. In an attempt to explain why the puppet government has dissolved all political parties, Peter Illy attacks the "arrogance" of the Small Holders Party, which last year submitted a memorandum to the government demanding punishment for mistreatment of Jews.

SPECTATORS TURN SWIMMING MEET IN FRANCE INTO PRO-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION

ADGEERS, April 13. (JTA) — Spectators turned a swimming meet at Toulouse into a demonstration against Nazi racial laws in France, a new French underground newspaper, *Fraternite*, disclosed.

Crowds in the stands demonstrated when it was learned that Alfred Nakasch, French 100 and 200-meter free-style swimming champion, had been excluded from the meet by Vichy because he was a Jew. The demonstration was so insistent that the event was cancelled.

*Fraternite* confirms reports of thousands of arrests of Jews in Paris, Marseilles, Avignon, Montauban and Clermont-Ferrand, and headlines "deportations of French Jews to death and torture camps." A letter smuggled out of a concentration camp at Koida, Upper Silesia, reports that 66 of a group of deportees died while being transported in cattle trucks. At a nearby camp at Gschwitz, according to the letter, 122 to 138 prisoners died daily; the inmates were those from Koida who were either too young or too old to do manual labor.

UNRRA OPENS SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON TO TRAIN WORKERS OF PRIVATE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) — The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will open a school here early next month to train workers of private Jewish and non-Jewish welfare and relief agencies for services overseas, it was learned here today.

The students, after completing their training, will be sent abroad to work in the field under the direction of UNRRA leaders in areas liberated by the Allied armies. They will not be paid by the government, but will remain on the payrolls of their own organizations.

CANADA WILL ADMIT MORE JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EUROPE REACHING SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

OTTAWA, April 13. (JTA) -- Canada may admit an additional number of refugees as a result of an investigation being made of between 6,000 and 7,000 refugees now in Spain and Portugal, it was reported here today.

The number of refugees to be admitted will depend in part, it was stated, upon transportation facilities that can be procured, and in part upon the number of refugees who can meet health standards the Dominion prescribes and whose self-reliance Canadian organizations interested in refugee work are prepared to guarantee.

The annual convention of the Ontario section of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the abrogation of the White Paper of 1939 and urging the "establishment of Palestine as a Jewish homeland which should lead to the development of a Jewish Commonwealth."

AMERICAN OBSERVER FORESEES CONFLICT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND JEWS OVER PALESTINE INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Jews in Palestine have contributed immeasurably from an industrial standpoint to the United Nations' war effort but industrial demobilization will be their reward because the British government has decided that when peace comes only those industries which can obtain raw materials within Palestine itself will be permitted to continue, Frank Gervasi asserts in the current issue of Collier's Weekly.

"And there, in a potential conflict between Britain and Jews over Palestine as industrial future, you have one of several important sources of trouble in the world's most troubled land next to India," writes Gervasi. "Other wells of discord are: freedom of Jewish immigration to Palestine; two, removal of obstacles against the free purchase of land by Jews; three, the right to bear arms in self-defense; and four, an ultimate creation of a Palestine state--are being kept well capped for the duration but threaten to blow their lids immediately after peace is declared."

Gervasi points out that the "total Palestinian industrial output for 1943 was valued at 120 million dollars," which tripled that for 1937, and says that "the high degree of mechanical aptitude of Jewish workers made Palestine the only place between Britain and India where industry existed on a European standard." Jews in Palestine, who helped grow tons of food for Allied troops, "went meatless, eggless, potatoless and sugarless long before rationing hit the United States," he states.

The article, which is entitled "The Jews as a Soldier," reviews the fine war record of Palestinian Jewish soldiers and also cites the large number of Jews serving in the Russian forces, and working with the underground movements in Yugoslavia, Poland, Greece, Czechoslovakia and other occupied countries. Gervasi says that the percentage of Jews serving in the armed forces of the various United Nations is well above the proportion of Jews in the general population of these countries.

SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT INTEND TO BAN JEWISH IMMIGRATION, MINISTER SAYS

CAPETOWN, South Africa, April 13. (JTA) -- The government of the Union of South Africa has no intention of introducing legislation banning Jewish immigration, Minister of the Interior Charles F. Clarkson stated today in reply to demands by several anti-Semitic members of Parliament that such measures be adopted. The Minister stressed, however, that the government is determined to see that demobilized soldiers are employed before considering large-scale immigration.

Prime Minister Shanks yesterday received a delegation of the pro-Palestine Committee at his office here and discussed with them the latest Palestine developments in light of the White Paper ban on Jewish immigration.

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Mr. Ben Zvi also voiced the anxiety of Palestine Jews over the fact that "massacre action" is being taken by the Palestine Government to facilitate the rescue of Jews from Nazi-held territories. Cumbersome formalities on the part of the Palestine authorities hamper the work of saving Jews from the Nazis, he pointed out. The Chief Secretary promised to transmit Ben-Zvi's plea to the British Colonial Office in London.

BAN ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE ASSAILED AT AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR PARLEY

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David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, described in the course of his address the martyrdom of the Jews in occupied Europe and told the audience of the heroic battle of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. The ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine, he said, prevents the rescue of many Jews who would still be saved. "Few will be able to defend the present British policy with regard to Palestine," he said. He emphasized that he expressed the opinion of organized labor in the United States. The British White Paper policy, which closed Jewish immigration to Palestine, beginning with this month, was also assailed in an address by Max Zaritsky, president of the Millinery Workers Union.

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The Governor's bill creating the new commission declares that practices of discrimination against any inhabitants of the state because of race, color, creed or national origin are matters of state concern that threaten "the rights and proper privileges" of the inhabitants of the state and menace "the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state."

Acting on the Governor's recommendation, the legislature sidetracked all pending anti-discrimination bills to await the commission's report, to be submitted at next year's legislative session. Eight members of the state war council committee on discrimination resigned in protest because two bills which it had recommended were among those sidetracked. One of these bills provided for the creation of a civil rights bureau in the Department of Law to combat discrimination and the other would have made it unlawful for employers and labor unions to practice racial and religious discrimination.

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BECAUSE OF PASSOVER THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY