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REPORTED HUNGARIAN JEWS WILL BE USED TO BUILD GERMAN FORTIFICATIONS IN THE CARPATHIANS

BERN, May 1. (JTA) -- The 24,000 Jews deported from the Hungarian-held Czech cities of Munkacs (Mucacevo) and Ungvar (Uzhorod) will probably be conscripted for forced labor building German fortifications in the Carpathian Mountains and the Transylvanian Alps, it is reported here today.

The ousted Jews, the report says, were given only 24 hours to vacate their homes and were allowed to take along about 100 pounds of luggage and food for two weeks. At present they are being held in open enclosures, without any shelter or health and sanitary conveniences, awaiting deportation. Their homes are to be used to house Germans wounded on the eastern front.

The Budapest newspaper Pester Lloyd quotes Lazlo Endre, Commissar for Jewish Affairs, as stating that because of the shortage of doctors, it will be impossible to bar Jewish physicians from practicing. Endre said that of the 13,000 doctors in Hungary, 4,000 are Jews. Although in principle, Jewish physicians will be restricted to treating Jewish patients, actually this regulation cannot be enforced, Endre added.

The Budapest radio announced last night a list of Jewish authors whose works cannot be sold any longer. Bookshops and public libraries were ordered to submit to the Ministry of Education a list of all such books in their possession. Among the authors affected are Sholem Asch, Ilya Ehrenburg, Lion Feuchtwanger, Sigmund Freud, Emil Ludwig, Franz Werfel and Arnold and Stefan Zweig.

The German-controlled Hungarian Government today announced two new decrees aimed at purging the country's economy of Jews. The Minister of Finance was authorized to appoint "trustees" for agricultural holdings farmed by Jews, and the Minister of Industry announced that all Jewish industrialists must file complete information concerning their enterprises, their employees and themselves within eight days. This last measure is apparently a preliminary to "Aryanization" of such firms, which was announced earlier.

In small towns throughout Hungary, meanwhile, local authorities were proceeding with the confiscation of Jewish property and the ousting of Jews from the professions. In Kaposvar, the mayor ordered all 172 Jewish shops in the town sealed. Their contents will probably be given to air-raid victims. In Zalaegerszeg, the local lawyers chamber expelled 47 Jewish members. Similar items from other cities are to be found in the Hungarian press.

Czechs Warn Hungarians of Post-War Punishment for Mistreatment of Jews

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government today broadcast a warning that mistreatment of Jews in Hungarian-occupied sectors of Czechoslovakia would be mercilessly punished. The warning was prompted by reports that tens of thousands of Jews have been expelled from their homes in the Carpathian regions of Mucacevo and Uzhorod and committed to concentration camps. The broadcast said that confiscation of Jewish property and the imprisonment and murder of Jewish citizens would be punishable just as mercilessly as all other crimes committed by invaders or traitors.

REPORTED FRENCH JEWS FORM GUERRILLA BANDS IN POLAND; SUPPLIED BY RUSSIAN PARACHUTISTS

GENEVA, May 1. (JTA) -- French Jews, who escaped from labor camps in Poland to which they had been deported, have formed partisan bands in the wooded sections of the country and are sabotaging German installations, according to a reliable report received here.

The activities of the guerrillas are restricted because there is no effective organization and they lack the necessary equipment, the report says. What arms and supplies they obtain are furnished by Russian parachutists who are dropped in occupied territory from Red Army planes. These partisan groups have made several successful raids on concentration and labor camps in which Poles and Jews were confined, and have freed a large number of prisoners.

Many French Jews who were originally confined in the prancy camp, near Paris, are now in the Poiniki camp in Poland, the report discloses. About 4,000 persons are confined in Poiniki in 20 unheated, wooden barracks which lack sanitary facilities. The camp has one doctor, who has no medicines or instruments. The beds are used in three shifts. As a result of the inadequate food and health facilities and the excessive working hours, many of the deportees die daily.

Marcel Deat, recently appointed Minister of Labor in Pierre Laval's Vichy cabinet, has announced that all able-bodied Jews remaining in France will be used for forced labor on public works, the pro-Nazi newspaper Oeuvre reports. They will be conscripted for work in stone quarries, mines, and canal drainage. The paper complains that Jews are still being hidden in the homes of friendly non-Jews and clergymen.

JEWISH AND ARAB LABOR GROUPS APPEAL FOR UNITY IN MAY DAY MANIFESTOES

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- Jewish and Arab labor groups issued May Day manifestoes today appealing, among other things, for Arab-Jewish unity to develop the resources of the Middle East and raise the standard of living of its inhabitants.

The proclamation of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, expressed thanks for the assistance given to Jewish labor in Palestine by the workers in England and the United States, and appealed for similar aid from labor in Russia and the British dominions. The manifesto stressed the Jewish workers' determination to speed the rescue of Jews in occupied Europe and to build a Jewish national home in Palestine.

The Histadruth addressed an appeal to Arab workers in the Middle East to recognize the fact that Jewish achievements will raise labor standards in all the Arab countries. "Jewish workers are determined to march forward with their brethren in the Middle East," the manifesto concludes.

Mishmar, organ of the Hashomer Hazair, the Palestine Socialist League, publishes both the Histadruth manifesto and one issued by Arab workers. The latter says that our desire is great that the future of our country should guarantee freedom for all, but this is not realistic without cooperation between Arabs and Jews."

PALESTINE ARAB GETS TWO YEARS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF 45,000 CARTRIDGES

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- A military court here today sentenced Hussein Ali Abdullah to two year's imprisonment for possession of 3,250 rounds of ammunition allegedly purchased from soldiers. The sentence is much milder than those imposed in recent months upon Jews accused of similar offenses. In one case, a Jewish youth received a sentence of seven years for possessing one bullet above the legal maximum.

MISTREATMENT OF BELGIAN JEWS BY GERMANS REVEALED BY UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- An eye-witness account of the inhuman conditions under which the Germans have imprisoned and deported thousands of Belgian Jews is given in the January, 1944 issue of the underground newspaper, *Le Flambeau*, which is quoted today by the United Nations Information Office.

"Since August 1942, the 'Dossin' barracks at Malines have been used as a prison for unfortunate Jews tracked down by the Gestapo," the paper says. "Altogether about 30,000 innocent Jews have been imprisoned there, awaiting transfer to forced labor camps in Poland and Upper Silesia. The scene you witness on entering the courtyard must sadden the heart of anyone but a follower of Hitler. Men and women of all ages, young children, move about like dazed automatons who have lost all hope. When the number of victims has reached a total of 1400 or 1600, a train is made up of cattle trucks into which 40 or 50 unfortunate beings are crowded for a journey of unimaginable discomfort and length.

"The Jew-hunt never stops, and the Gestapo cars arrive at the barracks prison regularly with full loads. On September 3 of last year, 900 Belgian Jews who might have thought themselves quite safe were suddenly dragged from their homes for no reason whatsoever, and taken away. Into a lorry which under normal circumstances could have carried a maximum of 50 people, the tyrants crowded 100. The result was that nine were already dead when it reached the prison."

ANGLO-JEWISH PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED AT INDIANAPOLIS MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1, (JTA) -- The two-day organizational meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Publishers Association concluded here last night after adopting resolutions pledging its support to President Roosevelt and the Allied war effort and protesting the White Paper ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine and the mistreatment of Jewish soldiers in the Polish armed forces. The last resolution will be submitted to the Polish Government through its embassy in Washington.

Other resolutions promised support of all member papers of the organization to the forthcoming Fifth Loan Drive and to all efforts which would best serve their respective communities. The publishers voted to establish a rigid code of ethics and to maintain a high standard of Anglo-Jewish journalism. Gabriel Cohen of the Indianapolis Jewish Post, who initiated the conference, and the Indianapolis Jewish Federation, which acted as host, were formally thanked in a concluding resolution.

Before adjourning, the publishers elected a steering committee to organize the permanent machinery of the association. It consists of Philip Slomovitz of Detroit, Dr. Joseph G. Brin of Boston, Irving Rhodes of Milwaukee, Jack Fishbein of Chicago, Sam Neusner of Hartford, Conn., Leo Frisch of Minneapolis and Mr. Cohen.

Speakers at the various sessions included Dr. Brin, Mr. Slomovitz, Mr. Frisch, Mr. Cohen, Stephen Schiffer of Atlanta, Ernest Cohen, president of the Indianapolis Jewish Federation, Robert Segal of the National Community Relations Advisory Council and Boris Smolar, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who spoke on the Role of the Anglo-Jewish Press in Jewish Community Life.

Bernard Postal, publicity director of the B'nai B'rith, announced at the conference that that organization had decided to award a yearly trophy to the Anglo-Jewish publication which had best served its community during the year. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the new association.

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS \$16,000,000 GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR POST-WAR HOUSING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- Describing the severe housing shortage that exists throughout Palestine, Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, today revealed that the Agency is requesting a Government loan of \$16,000,000 to be used to construct new dwellings.

Kaplan told the annual conference of Jewish architects that American and Swedish firms have already approached the Agency with offers to deliver prefabricated houses as soon as hostilities cease. Prefabricated buildings play a large part in Palestine's post-war housing plans because of the scarcity of building materials, especially lumber, in the country.

U. S. AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS URGED TO INTERCEDE FOR POLISH JEWISH SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the American and British Governments to intercede in behalf of the 21 Jewish soldiers who were sentenced to from one to two years by a Polish court-martial on charges of leaving the Polish forces was adopted here last night at a Warsaw Ghetto memorial meeting arranged by the American Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists.

In messages to the meeting Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Senator Robert F. Wagner paid tribute to the ghetto heroes. The Governor's message said: "Although the Jewish community has tragically ceased to exist, the lesson of its valiant defense will belong in the memory of mankind. The world will never forget the heroic resistance of the entire Jewish community in Poland to the inhuman aggression of the Nazis."

Mexican Liberals Hold Memorial Meeting for Ghetto Jews

MEXICO CITY, May 1. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the Jews who fell fighting the Germans in the ghettos of Warsaw and other Polish cities was held here last night with representatives of the Ministries of the Interior and Foreign Affairs attending. The observance was under the auspices of the Society for International Democratic Action.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS BODY RECOGNIZED AS OFFICIAL REFUGEE AGENCY FOR JEWS

MONTREAL, May 1. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies of the Canadian Jewish Congress has been recognized as the official agency of Canadian Jewry in relation to the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, it was announced here today, following a conference between Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Sir Herbert W. Emerson, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and director of the Committee. Sir Herbert also conferred with Senator Cairine Wilson, chairman of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF NATIONAL PLAYWRITING CONTEST ON JEWISH THEME

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- First prize in the national one-act playwriting contest on a Jewish theme sponsored by Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith youth organization, in cooperation with the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith and the American Association for Jewish Education, has been awarded to Charles Becker, a teacher in the Isaac Temple Religious School, Cincinnati, Ohio, for his play, "Pastor Knoll," it was announced today by Julius Bisno, executive director of AZA.

Second prize went to Rabbi Louis I. Newman, of Temple Rodeph Shalom, New York, for his play, "The Pangs of the Messiah." Private Harold Franklin, New York, former staff member of the Eastern Regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was voted third prize. First prize was \$150 in war bonds. Second prize was \$100 bond and third prize was a \$50 bond.