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MASS-MEETING IN ENGLAND DEMANDS RELEASE OF JEWISH SOLDIERS IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- The immediate release of the 21 Jewish soldiers who have been sentenced by a Polish court-martial to various terms of imprisonment for seeking a transfer from the Polish armed forces into British units because of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army, was demanded tonight in a resolution adopted at a mass-meeting called by the National Council of Civil Liberties in Manchester.

The resolution also demanded that the Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army be given the right "to opt for other Allied armies where they can freely join in the battle against the Fascist tyrants." It expressed protest against "the perpetuation of anti-Semitism in the ranks of the Polish armed forces."

The Polish Telegraphic Agency has issued a lengthy report lauding Jewish pilots and navigators in the Polish Air Force. The report emphasizes that some of them have lost their lives in operations against the enemy, while all of them are "intelligent, brave, and eager to go into action."

In acknowledging the patriotism of the Jews in the Polish flying units, the Polish Telegraphic Agency reveals that a young Jewish flier, Sgt. I. Posner, came from Poland through Lithuania, Russia, Japan and the United States to England to enlist in the Polish Air Force. He was killed flying a Mosquito fighter plane in an air battle over the Bay of Biscay.

Other Polish Jews who distinguished themselves in the air battles are Sgt. M. Glass, navigator, who was lost during a raid on the Ruhr; Flight Sgt. S. Birnholtz, navigator, Flight Sgt. S. Rapaport, radio operator, and Flight Sgt. R. Bychowski, navigator of the Polish Lancaster Squadron. The latter, the Polish Telegraphic Agency reports, also went through many European countries to join the Polish Air Force and completed his training in Canada.

EXCHANGE OF FRENCH JEWS FOR VICHYITES ARRESTED IN ALGIERS IS SUGGESTED

ZURICH, May 3. (JTA) -- An indication that the Vichy regime in France would consider exchanging French Jews for members of the Vichy Phalange Africaine who have been arrested by the French Committee of National Liberation in Algiers, is given in the newspaper L'Appel reaching here today from France.

An article suggesting such an exchange is carried by the French newspaper under the signature of Pierre Constantini. The article coincides with the execution in Algiers today of Col. Pierre Cristofini who was convicted of treason as commander of the Phalange Africaine, which was organized to fight the Allied landing in North Africa.

The French newspaper L'Oeuvre reports that there are still about 206,000 Jews in France. It suggests that they all be used for forced labor. L'Appel demands, however, that Jews be assigned to forced labor in mines and quarries only, and not to agricultural labor. "The harvest must not be sullied by Jewish hands," L'Appel writes.

MAYORS OF HUNGARIAN CITIES ORDERED TO PLACE JEWS IN GHETTOS

ZURICH, May 3. (JTA) -- A decree empowering local mayors to set up ghettos for Jews in towns where the population is larger than 10,000 has been issued by the Hungarian Government and is published in newspapers reaching here today from Budapest. The mayors of towns which have less than 10,000 inhabitants were authorized earlier "to remove" Jewish residents to larger cities.

The Nazi Transocean news agency today reports that the Hungarian Institute for Jewish Research, which was founded in Budapest eighteen months ago along the same lines as the Nazi Institute for Jewish Research in Germany, has been expanded. In the future the institute, which is engaged in collecting material for anti-Semitic propaganda, will have several divisions for the purpose of intensifying its anti-Jewish activities. A special department will also be established at the Institute for journalists who gained experience in the spiritual struggle against Jews," the report says.

Emphasizing that the mayors of towns of over 10,000 are expected to carry out the ghetto decree as soon as possible, the Hungarian newspapers report that the first provincial ghetto for Jews has already been established in the town of Miskolc and that similar ghettos will soon be established in Szeged and in Ujpest. The decree also authorizes the mayors to compel non-Jews to move from the sections to which the Jews are being removed.

Jews Prohibited to Worship in Synagogues Throughout Hungary

Transocean also reports that an order has been issued prohibiting Jews to conduct public worship in synagogues or in any public place. "The ban on public worship has been instituted in order to prevent uncontrolled gatherings of Jews," the report says.

"Prevention of Jewish sabotage has been the guiding principle in cutting off the telephone service from Jewish homes, in prohibiting Jews to have radio sets, and in ousting them from the theatre, films, literature, commerce and industry," the report continues. "These measures were supplemented by travel restrictions on Jews, in order to prevent their uncontrolled moving about from one place to another. The introduction of the yellow badge and the internment of Jews in the war zones is another precaution against sabotage," the dispatch adds.

HUNGARIAN CHURCHES AID JEWS FLEEING GERMANS, SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, May 3. (JTA) -- Catholic and Protestant churches in Hungary have assisted many Jews who are fleeing from Nazi persecution, according to an article in the Swedish newspaper Stockholms-Tidningen. The newspaper said its information came from a traveller who left Budapest on April 10.

The traveller reported that at least 25,000 Jews were deported the first 10 days of the occupation. Jews were often kidnapped, he said, and then completely disappeared. One by one, members of families were arrested. A family was seldom seized as a group.

Eighty-one Persons Still Imprisoned in Palestine as Terrorists, Minister Reports

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- Eighty-one persons have been arrested in Palestine since April 1 in connection with terrorist outbreaks and arms smuggling, it was reported in the House of Commons today by Colonial Minister Col. Oliver Stanley. Three of those arrested are awaiting court-martial on charges of possessing illegal arms, Stanley said.

The other 78 will continue to be detained, since they are known members of "two Jewish organizations," he added. The organizations to which he referred are undoubtedly the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang.

CONFERENCE OF PRIME MINISTERS ASKED TO HELP PALESTINE BECOME JEWISH DOMINION

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- Prime Ministers of the British Dominions, now meeting in London, were asked today in a cabled appeal from here "to assist in the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State with the status of a dominion within the British Commonwealth."

The cable, sent by the New Zionist Organization, was dispatched following reports that the conference of the Prime Ministers is discussing the Palestine problem. It is understood that the Prime Ministers of Canada, New Zealand and Australia favor continued immigration of Jews to Palestine.

A "total war against the existing Jewish totalitarian regime in Palestine" was proclaimed today by the New Zionist Organization at a press conference addressed by Dr. N. Altman, leader of the organization. Dr. Altman revealed that his group is "seriously considering" a proposal to break with the "Knesseth Israel," the organized Jewish community of Palestine, and all its institutions, and to establish its own national Council in place of the Vaad Leumi.

Expressing the hope that this proposal would be accepted by the New Zionist Organization, Dr. Altman said that it is also proposed to establish separate institutions and a separate taxation system for the maintenance of these institutions. "The existing Jewish totalitarian regime has for decades suppressed every attempt to establish independent organization and to conduct independent political activity," Dr. Altman charged.

GERMAN OFFER OF FLOUR FOR MATZOHS TRICKS ATHENS JEWS INTO CONCENTRATION CAMP

BEIRUT, Syria, May 3. (JTA) -- Using the ruse that they were distributing flour for matzo, the German occupation authorities in Greece early last month succeeded in rounding up a number of Athens Jews, it was revealed here today by a small group of Greek Jews who succeeded in fleeing the country with the assistance of partisan bands.

The escaped refugees said that when the Athens Jews came to the synagogue where it had been announced the flour would be distributed, they were met by armed Germans who took them into custody. The arrested persons were sent to the Baidari concentration camp.

At present, there are about 15,000 Jews in the Baidari camp, the arrivals said. They are used for various agricultural jobs and are frequently forced to dig up the earth with their bare hands. The prisoners are forbidden to talk to each other except for one-half hour each day.

Other reports reaching here indicate that the Nazis are embarked on an intensive drive to arrest the few Jews still remaining in the Greek capital. Mass-arrests are reported to have started on March 23, and round-ups are still continuing. Many of the Athenian Jews, according to information reaching the Greek Government several months ago, are being sheltered by Greek patriots in the city and the surrounding countryside.

NEW CONTINGENT OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM RUMANIA ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- A group of 110 Jewish children from Rumania, accompanied by 23 adults, arrived in Palestine today from Turkey. They reached Turkey by boat across the Black Sea.

These refugees, as well as the 272 who arrived during the week-end and several other groups which came here earlier, have been enabled to leave Rumania through the efforts of the American War Refugee Board and the cooperation of Turkish authorities.

JEWISH EXPERT ASKS FOR AGRARIAN REFORMS IN PALESTINE; SAYS LAND PROBLEM IS ACUTE

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- The land problem in Palestine has assumed the status of "a first rate political problem," which can be solved only by wide-spread agrarian reform, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, a director of the Jewish National Fund, told a press conference here today.

Existing water resources, if exploited properly, Dr. Granovsky said, could irrigate 4,000,000 additional dunams of land on which thousands of new settlements could be established. He disclosed that a comprehensive scheme covering the post-war transition period has been prepared, but did not disclose any details. The Jewish National Fund, Dr. Granovsky revealed, purchased 211,000 dunams in the first four months of this year, and is spending \$800,000 monthly for new land.

The Palestine Government's labor office today released figures showing that strikes and lockouts cost 111,134 working days during 1943. Some 131 firms and 15,220 workers were involved. These figures cover only Jewish enterprises.

JWB REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ON VISIT TO JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN ALASKA AND ALEUTIANS

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- American Jews are not only fully represented in every branch of the armed forces, but have been cited and decorated again and again for bravery in action, speakers told more than 500 men and women at the Hotel Commodore today at a dinner of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Tribute to the mental and physical health of the men in service was paid by Rabbi Philip Bernstein, director of religious activities for the JWB, who has just returned from a visit to Alaska and the Aleutians, made on behalf of the Board. "The medical care is all that can be desired," he said. "The life is rugged but so is the men."

Military experience tends to overcome racial and religious prejudice, Rabbi Bernstein found. "In the Aleutians the tendency is to judge men for what they are and for what they do, not for their antecedents," he said. "I do not mean to imply that donning of a uniform changes men's hearts. But I did find truth in the reports that there is less prejudice in the theatres of war than in civilian life."

Rabbi Bernstein lauded the contribution of the American rabbinate in the war. Over 900 Reform and Conservative rabbis throughout the U.S. have offered their services to their country, he stated. Of these, 241 are now serving in the army and navy as chaplains and 45 additional have been endorsed and are awaiting their commissions. There are 94 Jewish chaplains overseas and more will soon be on the way, he said.

Approximately 2,000 Jewish soldiers and sailors have been decorated in the present war, it was disclosed by Frank Weil, president of the JWB. Other speakers included Captain Alfred Retzky, veteran of 57 missions over enemy territory and holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal, a Presidential Citation, and other awards; Storekeeper 2/c Jess Kaufman, invalided home after receiving 14 wounds in Pacific naval actions; Carl M. Loeb, national campaign chairman of the Board; and Milton Weill, chairman of the JWB Public Relations Committee.

NATIONAL GROUPS URGE ACTION ON BILL ESTABLISHING PERMANENT FEPC

WASHINGTON, May 3. (JTA) -- With Sidney Hollander of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds as spokesman, representatives of more than a dozen national organizations met today with Rep. Mary T. Norton, chairman of the House Labor Committee, to urge action on a bill setting up a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee. Rep. Norton, who said she favored the bill, declared she would call all the Committee together early next week to decide whether to hold hearings.