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ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN ARGENTINA; JEWISH WINDOWS SMASHED; CALL FOR POGROM ISSUED

MONTEVIDEO, June 1. (JTA) -- Intensified anti-Semitic propaganda in Argentina, which is tolerated by the government, culminated this week in organized terror against Jews in the province of Entre Rios and in a call for pogroms in Buenos Aires.

Reliable reports reaching here today from Argentina reveal that crowds attacked Jewish stores in various sections of Entre Rios and smashed windows of Jewish homes. The province is in the hands of a clique known to be outspokenly anti-Semitic.

So serious were the attacks on the Jews, that the Federal governor of Entre Rios was compelled to issue the following statement: "My attention has been drawn to the fact that acts of violence have been committed against the Jewish population and that the Jews have suffered damages. Such acts can only be carried out by irresponsible elements. I have issued strict orders, and the Jewish population may be assured that they will enjoy the rights granted by our constitution to all those who respect the laws of Argentina."

Mark Jewish Stores, Tear Beards of Jews, Says Anti-Semitic Leaflet

The call for a pogrom in Buenos Aires was issued by anti-Semitic groups in connection with the "Day of Resistance" which democratic organizations in the country have proclaimed for June 7 as an expression of protest against the muzzling of the Argentine press by the government and the suppression of free speech. On that day stores and offices of those sympathizing with the passive resistance movement will be closed and work stoppages will occur.

Asserting that the movement for passive resistance "has been instigated by Jews" unsigned leaflets, which have been distributed throughout Buenos Aires during the last few days, call upon the population to smash the windows of all Jewish shops which may be closed on June 7 and to attack Jews in the streets.

"Smash Jewish windows! Tear the beards of Jews! Attack the Rabbis! Break the teeth of all in Argentina who support the sit-down strike!" one of the leaflets urges. Another leaflet reads: "Jewish groups advocate a sit-down strike on June 7 as an expression of repudiation of our present government. They are protesting against the control imposed by the government on the press, on public meetings and on free speech in order to prevent our country from being drawn into the war organized by Jews. This control is only an emergency measure which will disappear. We shall not deliver Argentina to Communists and to Jewish demagogues. Observe which enterprises will be closed on June 7 and act in the same manner as in the tragic week of January, 1919." (The week when reactionary groups carried out violence against Jews and workers.)

Although the leaflets are anonymous, all indications point to the fact that they originate with pro-government groups. Whether the government is behind these leaflets cannot be established. The leaflets contain an appeal to the readers to copy them and give them wide distribution.

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JEWISH SOLDIERS IN POLISH FORCES DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES IN BATTLE FOR ROME

LONDON, June 1. (JTA) -- Jewish soldiers in the Polish forces fighting along the road to Rome have distinguished themselves in the bloody battles which are raging on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts, it is reported today by a front-line correspondent of the Polish Telegraphic Agency.

"Many examples of the courage, heroism and patriotism of Polish soldiers of the Jewish faith can be quoted and they are spoken of appreciatively by the Air Corps commander and other commanding officers," the correspondent writes.

As examples of courageous Jewish fighting men he cites Cadet Officer Grynberg, who led three soldiers in a sudden assault on a German pill-box on Phantom Ridge, which earned that name because the soldiers said nobody but a phantom could live on it in face of the murderous German fire. In an attempt to destroy a group of Germans who threatened his position, Grynberg was killed, but not until he had accounted for several Nazis. He was the first man in his company to receive posthumously the *Virtuti Militari*, highest Polish decoration.

Cadet Officer Jakob Liberman, the correspondent reports, refused to be taken to the rear although seriously wounded and continued fighting until killed. Cadet Officer K (whose name is not given apparently because his family is still in Poland) took over a platoon when the commanding officer was killed and fought for ten hours until seriously wounded. Lance Cpl. K remained unscathed, due, he said, to the fact that he carried a Jewish prayer book and his wife's picture.

Other heroes mentioned are Private Abraham G, of the city of Kresowa, who, single-handed, wiped out a German pill box. He was captured by the Germans who refused to treat his wound or give him food when they discovered he was Jewish. One German conscript from Silesia, however, secretly gave him food, Private G revealed when he was rescued by advancing Polish troops. In one commando unit are seven Jewish youths who enlisted in England when they came of age. They have been in Italy since December, and several of them wear decorations.

The correspondent says that "a special page in the history of the fight for Monte Cassino must be reserved for Jewish medical officers" many of whom manned advanced dressing stations. He reports that numerous other Polish Jews have fallen in the fighting in Italy, and tells how a military chaplain and a cantor conducted memorial services for them.

TITO HAS "JEWISH BRAIN TRUST," NAZI PRESS CLAIMS; BERLIN RALLIES ARABS

ZURICH, June 1. (JTA) -- Quoting Nazi newspapers published in occupied Yugoslavia, the German radio today claimed that Marshal Tito is being aided by "a Jewish brain trust" in his fight against the German forces.

Listing a number of men associated with Tito in the fight for the liberation of Yugoslavia, the broadcast said: "Ales Bebler is a Galician of Jewish descent; Boris Kidric is a son of a Slovene woman married to a Hungarian Jew; Josip Vidmar has constantly and proudly emphasized his Jewish descent."

In a broadcast in Arabic, the German radio today called upon the Arab world to combat Jewish efforts in Palestine. "From Tunis to Iraq, Jews have shown pro-Allied feelings and enthusiastically welcomed the Allied armies, contrary to the attitude of the Arabs, particularly those in Tunis who wept when they saw Germans taken prisoner," the broadcast said.

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J.D.C. SECURES LEND-LEASE STOCKS IN TEHERAN FOR SHIPMENT TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- American lend-lease authorities in the Middle East have concluded an arrangement with the Joint Distribution Committee which provides for the transfer of part of lend-lease stocks in Teheran to the J.D.C. representatives there for the purpose of using these commodities in the J.D.C.'s parcel service for Jewish refugees in Russia.

An announcement to this effect was made here today at a press conference addressed by Dr. J. L. Magnes and Charles Passman who are acting as J.D.C. representatives in the Middle East. They added that the Joint Distribution Committee has already paid \$500,000 to the U. S. Treasury in Washington.

The stock which the J.D.C. will receive includes 40,000 pairs of shoes and 30,000 blankets, also overcoats, suits, powdered milk, canned food and other commodities. It is sufficient to fill 100,000 parcels. The entire stock will be sent to Russia by the end of the year, thus enabling the J.D.C. to dispatch no less than 10,000 parcels monthly, while it is arranging to secure goods from other parts of the world in order to maintain a continuous flow of relief to Jewish refugees in various parts of the U.S.S.R. An agreement has also been reached between the J.D.C. and the Polish Red Cross whereby the J.D.C. secured gratis considerable quantities of goods for distribution among refugees from Poland now in Russia.

Addressing the same conference, Moshe Shapiro, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, estimated that there are about 400,000 Jewish refugees in Russia. They include 250,000 Jews from Poland, 75,000 from Bessarabia, Bukovina and the Baltic States, in addition to 60,000 Jews from Transnistria and 15,000 from Tarnowits. He praised the rescue work conducted jointly by the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. He also announced that the Jewish Agency has appointed a special committee to investigate the activities of landsmanshaften and private firms which have recently started to send parcels from Palestine to Jews in Russia on a commercial basis.

WAR DEPARTMENT SAYS FEPC AIDED WAR EFFORT; CONGRESSMEN BACK BAN ON DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, June 1. (JTA) -- A representative of the War Department told the House Labor Committee, which opened hearings today on a bill to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, that the present FEPC has been a potent factor in contributing manpower to the war effort. W. A. Hughes, Director of Industrial Personnel of the Army Service Forces, said that the War Department was "in accord with the general purpose of prohibiting discriminatory employment practices," but would not commit himself as to the measure under consideration.

Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon (Penn. Dem.) co-sponsor of the bill, told the committee that the bill gave an opportunity "to make plain to the American people that a man's race, creed, color, or where he came from, has nothing to do with whether he will be allowed to earn a living." He cited war heroes of all faiths and colors and stated that "if our returning servicemen, who fought side by side with these heroes, are barred from jobs because of color, religion or national origin, what a hollow thing our victory will be." Reps. Arthur Klein (N.Y. Dem.) and William Dawson (Ill. Dem.) also voiced support of the bill.

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED AFTER DR. CYRUS ADLER WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT WEEK IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, June 1. (JTA) -- A Liberty ship named after Dr. Cyrus Adler, late Jewish leader and president of the American Jewish Committee, will be launched here on June 5, in the presence of local Jewish leaders and government officials, it was announced today.

50,000 YEMINITE JEWS FACE STARVATION OR CONVERSION; SEEK IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- Fifty-thousand Jews in the Arab kingdom of Yemen on the Red Sea face the alternatives of dying from starvation or becoming converts to Islam, the president of the Yemen Settlers Association here, told a press conference, appealing for steps to rescue them.

He disclosed that about 3,000 Yemenite Jews are camped in the harbor city of Aden under indescribable conditions awaiting an opportunity to emigrate to Palestine. About 200 of this group are expected to arrive here this week, he said, adding that about 3,500 Jews from Yemen have reached here in the past few years through the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federation of Labor in Palestine.

ARABS RELEASE FULL TEXT OF CABLED APPEAL TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The full text of the threatening cable sent this week to President Roosevelt by a leader of the Palestine Arab Party is made public today in the newspaper Falastin. The cable implies that the United States can secure the friendship of the Arab world only by supporting Arab claims in Palestine.

The message, which was signed by Sayyid Tewfiq Hussein, states: "Palestine Arabs, supported by 400 million Moslems, declare to you once more their just right to independence, establishment of an Arab government and complete stoppage of Jewish immigration. We appeal in the name of the Atlantic Charter, for which you and your allies declare you are fighting, to support Arab demands. Only fulfillment of these demands will guarantee permanent peace and friendship of Arabs and Americans in the Arab and Moslem world."

OFFICIAL COMMISSION CONCLUDES PROBE OF QUEBEC SYNAGOGUE FIRE

MONTREAL, June 1. (JTA) -- The official inquiry commission probing the fire which seriously damaged the new Quebec synagogue on the eve of its dedication, completed hearing witnesses late yesterday. The persons who discovered the vandalism told of finding home made torches and empty gasoline cans in the vicinity of the synagogue. The commission is expected to issue its report shortly.

RUSSIAN PATRIARCH CABLES THANKS TO PALESTINE JEWS FOR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council today announced that it has received a cable from the new Russian Patriarch, Alexis, thanking it and the Grand Rabbinate for their condolences on the death of the late Patriarch Sergei.

WEEKLY SABBATH SERVICES ARRANGED FOR AMERICAN-JEWISH SOLDIERS IN ENGLAND

AN EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England, June 1. (JTA) -- With the help of many enlisted men of this Service Command station, each of them using his own special skills, it has been made possible for men of the Jewish faith to conduct their weekly Sabbath evening service in the proper manner with the necessary religious fittings.

Chaplain Bertram Klausner, Newark, N. J., director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Alabama before he entered the Army, and now serving at headquarters of the Eighth Air Force as chaplain to personnel of the Jewish faith, made a plan through the various subordinate commands that individuals create out of their own making such religious items as an Ark, altar, candelabra, tablets and the traditional Star of Judaism, to be used to conduct their own services.