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HUNGARY'S PRODUCTION HIT BY ANTI-JEWISH LAWS, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY ADMITS

ZURICH, June 5. (JTA) -- Torn between the Hungarian Government's anti-Jewish policy and the adverse effect which it has had on the nation's economy, the Minister of Industry, Laszlo Szasz, has issued a warning against crippling Hungary's commerce and industry by severe application of the anti-Jewish laws. At the same time, however, he attacked persons displaying sympathy for the persecuted Jews.

"The radical measures taken in our country for the solution of the Jewish problem must not disturb the country's economy," the minister said at a public function. "The government regards the country's production as being even more important than the Jewish problem. We don't aim at exterminating the Jews. The government regulations do not indicate such aims. It would be unworthy of Hungarians to contemplate the physical annihilation of Jews.

"The Jewish problem," the minister continued, "cannot be solved by anti-Semitism based on hatred. We shall be very glad to see the Jews find a country and build their own state far from our borders. But we will not tolerate anyone who is attempting to rouse the sympathy of our nation in favor of the Jews in Hungary. After solving the problem of the Jews in our country we shall take steps to liquidate those who are concealing their property."

Police Units Formed to Search for Hidden Jewish Property

The minister, whose speech was given wide publicity in the Hungarian press reaching here today, also announced that special detective units have been formed by the Hungarian Government to search for concealed Jewish property since it is assumed that many Jews have hidden their belongings with friendly non-Jews in the hope that Germany will lose the war and they will then be able to regain them. These units are headed by Peter Hain, chief superintendent of the detective department of the Budapest political police.

In connection with the formation of these units, the police department in Budapest today broadcast a nation-wide warning to Jews not to give any of their property to Christians as gifts. "It is useless for Jews to give away belongings to non-Jews, as well as for Christians to produce documents proving that they purchased property from Jews under agreements concluded before the anti-Jewish laws were issued. The police department has sufficient means to expose all such machinations. For weeks precious stones, gold and silver confiscated in hideouts have been streaming into the police."

All Male Jews in Hungary Mobilized for Slave Labor, Sweden Reports

STOCKHOLM, June 5. (JTA) -- All male Jews of military age in Hungary, except doctors and pharmacists, have been ordered to report for labor service, the Swedish Telegraphic Agency reports today from Budapest. "The measure is necessary in order to frustrate Jewish attempts to sabotage Hungary's military activities," the official order stated.

The German Transocean news agency today reported that approximately 235,000 Budapest Jews have been ejected from their apartments under the anti-Jewish regulations.

PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING "FREE PORT" IN MILITARY CAMPS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY, PEHLE DISCLOSES

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The plans for establishing a "free port" for refugees from Europe in an abandoned military camp somewhere in the United States "are going forward at full speed," John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, disclosed tonight, addressing the Rededication Day rally of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Astor.

Stressing that speed was of the utmost importance in refugee aid because of the rapidity with which the situations affecting the menaced Jews change, Mr. Pehle revealed that reports have reached the WRB indicating that plans are afoot in German-occupied Italy to raise the anti-Jewish campaign there to the same level of intensity as in Hungary, which, he said, is the worst danger spot for Europe's Jews today. "We are reliably informed," Mr. Pehle added, "that negotiations are being concluded for the deportation to Poland and death of 300,000 Jews who have been in concentration camps in Hungary since the German occupation."

The WRB director announced, during the course of his address, that Ira A. Hirschmann, who, as the WRB's representative in Turkey, was responsible for the escape of several hundred Jews from the Balkans, is returning to Ankara. Mr. Pehle paid tribute to the work of Mr. Hirschmann and Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt in Turkey, and also to the activities of the voluntary agencies engaged in rescue work, especially the Joint Distribution Committee.

Congress Gets Another Resolution Urging Establishment of "Free Ports"

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- Rep. Thomas J. Lane (Mass. Dem.) today introduced a resolution urging the establishment of "free ports" for refugees. It is similar to the measure introduced last Friday by Rep. Samuel Dickstein (N. Y. Dem.).

Lane told the JTA it was essential that "the plight of those under Nazi oppression, which becomes more and more serious daily, be kept before the American public." He said he hoped the Immigration Committee would hold hearings on the idea of establishing temporary havens within the next week or two.

LIBERATION OF ROME HAILED AT JEWISH RESCUE DEMONSTRATION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- The liberation of Rome by the Anglo-American armies - in which many Palestine Jews are serving - was hailed today at a huge Jewish mass-meeting here marking the end of a day of fast and prayers for the Jews in Nazi countries. The meeting, addressed by Chief Rabbi Herzog and other Jewish leaders, directed a manifesto to the democratic world appealing for "the rescue of Jews immediately and without delay."

The meeting also issued an appeal to Jews all over the world to do their utmost to rescue Jews in Nazi lands. It was announced that \$12,000,000 have been allocated during the last 15 months by the War Needs Fund in Palestine for the rescue of Jews from Europe. It was emphasized, however, that this sum has proven insufficient to meet all needs. Jews in other countries were called upon for greater financial support.

Speakers at the mass-meeting included Jews who succeeded in escaping recently from Rumania and Hungary. They told of their horrible experiences, revealing that the Jews in Rumania were massacred as brutally as those in occupied Poland. Prof. Joseph Ratai, a spiritual leader of Hungarian Jewry who was one of the speakers, appealed to the leaders of the Church in Hungary "to continue their noble tradition in opposing the extermination of Jews and to help in the saving of Hungarian Jewry." Chief Rabbi Herzog appealed to the democratic people of the world "to do for the Jews the same as you would do if your sons and daughters were in the same situation."

"NARROW-MINDED NATIONALISM" BLAMED BY EINSTEIN FOR LACK OF ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- More than 600 prominent men and women from all walks of life gathered tonight at a dinner in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria given in honor of the 65th birthday of Prof. Albert Einstein by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions. Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes was one of the principal speakers, while President Roosevelt sent a message of greetings stating that Prof. Einstein's "great accomplishments not only in the field of science, but in support of social welfare and humanitarian activities, entitle him to the respect of all who work for the betterment of mankind."

Prof. Einstein himself was unable to attend the dinner, but in a message sent from Princeton, in which he praised Jewish achievements in Palestine, and expressed confidence that the Jews there "will succeed in a good measure of cooperation with the Arab people, if only both our people and the Arabs succeed in conquering that childhood complaint of a narrow-minded nationalism, imported from Europe and aggravated by professional politicians."

Remittance of \$65,000 from the American Fund to the 52 educational, cultural and welfare institutions which are its beneficiaries in Palestine will serve as further commemoration of Prof. Einstein's anniversary, it was announced by Julius Loeb, chairman of the New York Council of the American Fund.

Ickes lauds Jewish Contributions; Hits Anti-Semitism in America

Secretary Ickes called attention, in his address, to the scientific, educational and cultural contributions of the Jews and other minority groups in the United States. He said that Jewish institutions in Palestine are not serving only the Jews but also the Arabs and the Christians. He lauded the "unexampled rebuilding" of Palestine by Jewish efforts and predicted that "just as Palestine changed from a land of milk and honey to a barren waste after the expulsion of the Jews, so Hitler's Germany, as a result of the massacre of the Jews, is on its way to becoming an impoverished country."

Emphasizing the American Jewish participation in World War I and in the present war, the Secretary of Interior said, "Here in the United States we cannot ignore the stark, cold fact that we have a racial problem of significant proportions. After refreshing our spirits from the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, we sometimes wonder whether the America that was our fathers' dream is the America that their sons and daughters are carrying on."

Secretary Ickes pointed to the fact that "the Soviet Union has apparently solved its racial and ethnic problems after generations of conflict." Stressing that this was done not on the basis of a mere negative idea of racial "tolerance," he declared, "To talk of 'tolerance' for a man like Professor Einstein, or for the thousands of other outstanding Jews, Catholics, Negroes, and other minority peoples of this country, is to imply that we permit them to live and work and associate with us on sufferance; that they are a burden that we bear in as genteel and Christian a spirit as possible. That of course, is arrant nonsense." He emphasized that "there are many instances where the newly naturalized immigrant has proved his Americanization by his deeds and has demonstrated it by his life in contrast with many another who could trace his ancestry to Plymouth Rock, to the James River, or to New Sweden on the Delaware."

Other speakers included Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Joshua L. Liebman of Temple Israel, Boston; and Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J.

KU KLUX KLAN DISBANDS AFTER 25 YEARS OF ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY

ATLANTA, June 5. (JTA) -- The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at one time the strongest anti-Semitic movement in the United States, has been dissolved, it was reported yesterday by the Atlanta Journal.

The Klan, which gained nation-wide notoriety beginning with 1920, flourished widely up until 1928, when legislative inquiries into its activities curbed it somewhat. From 1928 on it functioned in different parts of the country at various times, but was not active on a nation-wide scale. After the establishment of the Nazi German-American Bund the Klan cooperated with the Bundists in disseminating anti-Semitic propaganda, but it played a secondary role.

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION GRADUATES ENLIST AS CHAPLAINS IN U. S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Twenty-five percent of the graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion have enlisted in the chaplaincy corps of the United States Army and Navy, it was reported by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president and founder, at the annual meeting of the Institute yesterday.

The Institute will, in addition to its summer session and courses for pre-theological students, initiate courses for the lay public, Dr. Wise announced. The following trustees were reelected for a three year term beginning August 31, 1946; Walter S. Hilborn, Los Angeles; Edmund I. Kaufmann, Washington; Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein, Herbert M. Kaufmann and Joseph Stroock of New York. The new trustees elected for the same period are: Henry Epstein, Nahum Goldmann, Harry H. Straus and Rabbi Abram M. Granison.

A. J. FREIMAN, VETERAN CANADIAN ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN OTTAWA; FUNERAL TODAY

OTTAWA, June 5. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Arhbeald J. Freiman, veteran Canadian Zionist leader and philanthropist, who died yesterday from a heart attack while attending synagogue services. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Freiman resigned as president of the Canadian Zionist Organization early this year, because of ill health, after having held that post for 25 years. Together with his wife, the later Lillian Frieman, who died in 1940, after having been president of Canadian Hadassah for 19 years, Mr. Freiman played a leading role in Zionist activities in the dominion since the movement was organized here. He was also a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Congress and of the administrative council of the Jewish Agency.

Born in Wirballen, Lithuania, Mr. Freiman emigrated to Canada in 1893. With his father, he established the firm of A. J. Freiman Ltd., which became the largest department store in Ottawa. He was active in many Jewish communal and philanthropic groups in addition to his Zionist activities, serving as honorary vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and honorary president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society.

"BENES PARK" OPENED IN "LIDICE SQUARE" IN PALESTINE COLONY

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- "Benes Park," named after Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, was dedicated today in "Lidice Square" in the colony of Gan Yavner. The dedication ceremonies were attended by Jewish leaders and representatives of the Palestine Administration and the Czech Government.