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AUTOMATIC NATURALIZATION OF REFUGEES PARTICIPATING IN INVASION SOUGHT IN BRITAIN

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Automatic naturalization of refugees who joined the British Army and are now fighting in the ranks of the invasion forces on the coast of France was asked today in the House of Commons.

In advancing this demand, several members argued that the granting of British citizenship automatically to refugees from Germany and Austria taken for overseas combat duty would protect them if captured by the Germans, since they would have to be treated as British subjects.

Herbert Morrison, Home Security Minister, rejected this demand. He told Commons that automatic naturalization as a measure of protection is not needed by refugees in British combat units. The international convention with regard to treatment of war prisoners provides protection for all British war prisoners irrespective of their nationality, he said.

"Should the enemy try to differentiate between the various nationalities within our forces, then the acceptance of British nationality by people who fled from Germany and Austria would only aggravate their situation," he declared. "It would be unjustified to select automatically for naturalization aliens in the armed forces out of numerous bodies assisting in the war effort," he added.

France Poisoned with Nazi Anti-Semitism, Jewish Leader Reports

The prediction that "it will take some time before liberated France will be cleansed of the anti-Semitic poison spread by the Nazis since the occupation," was made here by Leonard Montefiore, a leader of British Jewry, reporting to a session of the Anglo-Jewish Association on his seven-week visit to Jewish troops in Algiers, Italy and Egypt. This prediction, he said, is based on observations given him by responsible Jewish leaders in Algiers where he met with officers of the Alliance Israelite and the Synagogue Council.

Mr. Montefiore had high praise for American Jewish soldiers on the fronts which he visited. He said that they are extending fine cooperation to British Jewish soldiers and in many cases they have provided British Jews in the armed services with matzoth and other religious commodities.

"The Jewish chaplains," he continued, "are doing a great job on all fronts. They are highly regarded by the military authorities as well as by the soldiers. One Jewish chaplain, Levy, was taken prisoner by the Germans and escaped and succeeded in reaching his unit twenty-four hours later. Chaplains are holding services on the beachheads under enemy fire."

Reporting his impressions of the Italian front, Mr. Montefiore said that he found many Jewish soldiers from Palestine in a club for Jewish servicemen in Naples. Signs inside the club read: "In these walls speak only Hebrew; We are the only

people without a country!" In Bari, Mr. Montefiore visited a camp of Jewish refugees from Yugoslavia. They are all in good health, but they lack adequate clothing, he reported.

"In Cairo, I found active and well-organized Zionist propaganda," the Jewish leader continued. "I visited the Palestine Jewish units in Egypt and spoke to high military officials about them. All commanders stressed the great services of the Jewish soldiers and said that they were glad to have the Palestine Jewish units under their command. The reputation of the Palestine units among other troops is very high," Mr. Montefiore concluded.

#### Jewish Thoughts Are with the Invasion Armies, Meeting is Told

Addressing the same meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association, Leonard Stein, president of the organization, said that "our thoughts and prayers are with the invasion armies in France and with the enslaved Jews and other peoples of Europe who are awaiting liberation."

Mr. Stein revealed that he has had several interviews with members of the Polish Government-in-Exile regarding the fate of the Jews in Poland. He also announced that the Association is now preparing a memorandum to the British Government with regard to the White Paper.

It was reported at the meeting that consultations between the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the two leading Jewish bodies in Britain, are taking place, and that the Association is now considering suggestions submitted by the Board of Deputies regarding post-war problems and a united post-war policy with regard to Jewish affairs in liberated territories.

#### U. S. Soldiers in Palestine Elated Over Invasion Progress; Offer Drinks to Jews

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- Jewish throngs in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa continued to crowd the streets today in tense expectation of further news of the invasion front. Extra editions of newspapers were sold out as soon as they appeared.

American soldiers visiting Tel Aviv were especially excited over the progress of the invasion and expressed their joy by offering free drinks of beer to any civilian who was willing to accept them. The synagogues throughout the country were crowded all day long with Jews praying for the invading Allied armies and for Roosevelt and Churchill and the military leaders of the Anglo-American forces.

#### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARING ON "FREE PORTS"; FOUR BILLS INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the establishment of "free ports" in the United States have been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (A.L.P., N.Y.), Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon (Dem., Penn.), Rep. William Rowan (Dem., Ill.) and Rep. Emanuel Celler (Dem., N. Y.).

At the same time, Rep. Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.), chairman of the House Immigration Committee, announced that a hearing on the various resolutions calling for the establishment of "free ports" as temporary havens for refugees will be held on June 21 unless the President acts before then.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and John Pehle, Director of the War Refugee Board, spent an hour with President Roosevelt today. It is thought that they were discussing further details of the plan to convert an army camp into a refugee center. Ira Hirschmann, the Board's special representative in Turkey, is here in Washington conferring with Pehle and members of the Board. He is expected to return to Ankara soon.

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY REACH PALESTINE; REPORT 300,000 JEWS ARE INTERNED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today made public reports from the first Jewish refugees from Hungary to succeed in escaping from that country since the Germans introduced anti-Jewish measures there.

These reports, which were given by the refugees to representatives of the World Jewish Congress in Palestine, relate that 300,000 Jews have been interned in camps and ghettos. In one center over 22,000 were herded into 1,700 square meters. Over 3,000 were arrested and deported from Budapest to an unknown destination during one night. Another group of 5,000 was segregated for deportation and was not permitted to take along more than 30 pengoes. They were allowed enough food for only a fortnight and two changes of underwear.

"Daily rations of food for Jews consist of some fat and 100 grams of bread and nothing else," one of the refugees testified. "Travel by rail is forbidden to all Jews. All Jewish officials have been dismissed and Jews have not been permitted to retain more than 3,000 pengoes. The Gestapo supervises the execution of all these measures."

SIMON MARKS, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, KNIGHTED BY BRITISH KING

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Simon Marks, noted Jewish philanthropist and ardent supporter of the Zionist cause, was knighted yesterday on the occasion of the King's birthday. He holds the war post of deputy chairman of the London Industrial Mobilization Committee.

Sir Simon achieved prominence in England both as a businessman and a Jewish leader. He works at the side of Dr. Weizmann and during World War I was one of the most active leaders in the movement to bring about the issuance of the Balfour Declaration.

In 1936 he visited the United States as a member of a three-man British delegation, including Sir Herbert Samuel and Lord Bearstead, for the purpose of enlisting American Jewish cooperation in a large scale project for the emigration of Jews from Germany.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS GIVEN REPRESENTATION ON CIVIC PROTECTIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans will be admitted to membership in the National Community Relations Advisory Council which is coordinating the work of Jewish groups engaged in civic protective activities, it was announced here today by Archie H. Greenberg, national commander.

"We are happy to join the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Labor Committee and the fourteen local protective agencies throughout the country that comprise the National Community Relations Advisory Council," Mr. Greenberg said. "The Jewish War Veterans, who are represented on practically all the local civic protective setups, have always been strong supporters on both a national and local level of the need for unified coordinating agencies in the field of Jewish civic protection."

"We are hopeful that a sincere spirit of cooperation on the part of all members of the National Community Relations Advisory Council will result in a co-ordinated civic protective program that meets the present day needs of the Jewish communities throughout the United States."

COMMON SUFFERINGS OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS WILL FORGE GOOD-WILL, SAYS DETROIT BISHOP

DETROIT, June 8. (JTA) -- Hope that the common sufferings of Jews and Christians in Europe under German rule will forge "new bonds of human solidarity and good-will" was expressed here last night by the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, addressing a memorial meeting for the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto, arranged by the Jewish Community Council of Detroit.

Stating that he had "no thought of extenuating the lapse from ideals of Christian conduct so often evident in the part which Christians have played in the age-long tragedy of Israel's wanderings," Archbishop Mooney pointed out that the Nazis are anti-Christian as well as anti-Jewish. "May we not hope," he continued, "that in the fires of a common tribulation new bonds are being forged between Christian and Jew."

"In the heroism of Christians who have so often risked and not infrequently given their lives to rescue their even more unfortunate Jewish brothers, may we not find an augury that when the agony is over Jews and Christians will work together to write a brighter page of history in liberated Europe, and particularly in Poland which has, at least, the historic glory of having offered the Jews a haven of refuge when they were driven out of other countries?"

Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, appealed to the Jews of the United States and to the governments of the United Nations to intensify their efforts in behalf of the oppressed Jews. He praised the activities of the War Refugee Board and urged immediate establishment of "free ports." Mayor Edward J. Jeffries also spoke.

ILGWU CONVENTION DEMANDS OPEN DOORS FOR JEWS IN PALESTINE, "FREE PORTS" IN U. S.

BOSTON, June 8. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding the revocation of the British White Paper which closed the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration, was adopted here last night at the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which has a large Jewish membership and is one of the strongest labor unions in the country.

The convention also called for the establishment of "free ports" for refugees in the United States. The resolution criticizing the White Paper emphasizes that "in these times, when Jews are being annihilated by the Nazi barbarians, we consider it criminal to have the doors of Palestine closed for those who can still save themselves from Nazi hands."

AGUDAS ISRAEL THREATENS JEWISH AGENCY WITH FIGHT OVER REFUGEE CHILDREN

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel of America today announced that its three-day emergency convention in Ferndale, New York, which opens later this month, "will serve an ultimatum to the Jewish Agency for Palestine" on refugee children. The announcement says that despite promises to rabbis in America, the Jewish Agency still maintains refugee children in "atheistic colonies" in Palestine and prevents them from receiving a Jewish religious education.

DR. WURTZEL, FORMER JEWISH MEMBER OF POLISH SENATE, DIES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Wurtzel, former Jewish member of the Polish Senate died today in Haifa of a heart attack. He was 66 years old. He was editor of the Polish-Jewish daily newspaper Chwila which appeared in Lwow, Poland, until the outbreak of the war.