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THE WITNESS REPORT OF JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN INVASION; MANY JEWS AMONG PARATROOPERS

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- The participation of Jews in all branches of the Allied armed forces which are battling the Germans in Normandy, was described here in a message received from Simon Blumenfeld, who until recently was active in Jewish affairs in London and who is participating in the invasion.

Blumenfeld, who crossed the Channel twice last week on a special invasion mission, reported that while travelling he met many Jewish officers and soldiers "all fighting so that Jews can live freely side by side with every nationality." He emphasized that the number of Jews among the paratroopers was especially large.

POLICE RAID CAFES IN BUDAPEST IN SEARCH FOR JEWS; SURRENDER OF BICYCLES ORDERED

ZURICH, June 13. (JTA) -- Hungarian police raided restaurants and cafes in Budapest last night, and arrested more than 200 Jews who are among the Jewish residents still permitted to live outside the ghetto, the German radio reported today.

The municipality of Budapest published a list of restaurants, seventy-two popular cafes and fifty bars from which Jews are to be barred. At the same time, it named seven Kosher restaurants and a number of non-Jewish cafes where Jews can be served. These places, however, are to display prominently signs reading: "Jews Served Here."

Hungarian newspapers reaching here report that Jews in Budapest are wearing military decorations above the yellow star which they must display on their clothing under the existing anti-Jewish laws. The papers demand that an order be issued prohibiting Jews from wearing decorations together with their yellow stars.

The Hungarian radio announced today that Jews are henceforth forbidden to own bicycles. It also reported that "disciplinary proceedings" have been taken by the theatrical authorities against the noted Hungarian actress Katalik Karadi "for her political connections with Jews." Karadi has been placed under police supervision, the broadcast said.

The Fuggetlenség, official organ of the Hungarian Government, reports that leaders of the Calvinist Church in Hungary have requested presidents of educational institutions and teachers of denominational schools to comply at once with the government request to have all books of Jewish authors removed from libraries. The books must be registered and transferred to teachers colleges for research only.

New regulations issued for the Jews in the ghetto of Miskolc provide that the Jews may leave the ghetto only on Saturdays and must first obtain special permission; they must not appear in the streets of the ghetto between eight in the evening and six in the morning; they are forbidden to maintain contact with Christians still living in the ghetto area and must not accept food or other presents from their Christian neighbors.

GERMANS INTENSIFY RAIDS ON JEWS IN FRANCE; JEWISH CHILDREN DRAGGED FROM HIDEOUTS

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- Intensified German activities against Jews in France were reported here today by central Jewish organizations, while Swiss newspapers reaching here from Geneva indicated that the Gestapo, aided by French police, have resumed rounding-up Jews in various French cities and villages where they have been hiding in order to avoid deportation to Poland.

The Journal de Geneve reports that twenty Jewish children who had been living with peasants in Thonon, the northern part of Haute Savoie, were arrested this week and taken in German military cars to an "unknown destination." Arrests of Jewish children by the Germans are reported also from other parts of the Haute Savoie region, which is a hideout for many Jews and French partisans.

MANY JEWISH OFFICERS AND MEN AMONG MEMBERS OF U. S. AIR FORCE IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, June 13. (JTA) -- Many Jewish officers and men are among the American troops stationed at the United States air base "somewhere in Russia," it is reported today by a correspondent of the Soviet Jewish Press Agency, who interviewed both the crews of the bombers and fighter planes based in the USSR and also the men who man the fields.

The correspondent reveals that among the Americans are two cousins who had never met before they came to Russia, although they lived only a few miles from each other. One is Lieut. Seymour Auerbach of 1453 St. Marks Place in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, and the other is S/Sgt. Walter Auerbach of North Bergen, New Jersey.

Other Jewish airmen to whom he spoke were Lieut. Max Block of Kew Gardens, New York City, and Lieut. Meyer Trautenberg of 1320 Manor Avenue, New York City, who arrived in the first wave of shuttle bombers; Lieut. John Fredericks of 1326 Elmerding Avenue, in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, who is the base paymaster; Capt. Melvin Glick of East St. Louis, Illinois, who is in charge of supplies; also Cpl. Jerome Pinsur of Brooklyn, New York; Sgt. Jacob Tishler of Cleveland; M/Sgt. Martin Lerner of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Lieut. Clifton Ackerman of Fort Worth, Texas; Cpl. Nathan Colman of Kinzua, Pennsylvania; and Lieut. Robert J. Schlissman of Racine, Wisconsin.

The Jewish men, the correspondent writes, displayed great interest in the USSR. Some of them stated that their people had originally come from Russia. The bomber crews disclosed that they had hit railroad yards in Hungary and Rumanian en route to the Soviet bases.

JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH POLISH PRIME MINISTER ON AID TO JEWS IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Nahum Goldman, leaders of the World Jewish Congress, today conferred with Polish Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who is on a visit here, concerning various problems affecting Polish-Jewish relations.

Following their conference with the head of the Polish Cabinet, the two Jewish leaders revealed to the press that they had asked the Polish Prime Minister for aid in behalf of the Jews of Poland and were promised such aid through the refugee board set up recently by the Polish Government-in-Exile in London.

The Polish Prime Minister informed the Jewish leaders that all the Jewish soldiers who were pardoned by the Polish President after having been court-martialled for leaving the Polish Army to join British units, because of anti-Semitism in the Polish armed forces, are now back in the Polish forces, or are being re-inducted.

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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARS RABBI WISE ON DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- Lauding the accomplishments of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, set up by President Roosevelt in combatting racial discrimination in employment, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, today charged that while discrimination against the Negro is flagrant, there is an attempt to conceal anti-Jewish discrimination in employment.

This charge was voiced by Rabbi Wise during testimony before the House Labor Committee in support of bills to set up a permanent government commission to halt racial discrimination in employment. "The Congress must pass the bill for a permanent FEPC unless the battle for democracy is limited to the war period," Rabbi Wise said at the hearing. "The FEPC has done a most worthwhile work - allayed fears, distrust, made millions of Americans feel that the government is battling for democracy at home."

In answer to a question by Rep. A. L. Miller (Rep.-Neb.), Dr. Wise told the committee that the statistics of the number of Jews employed by the Government were but of the essence of the matter." Rep. Miller then wanted to know whether the troubles in Germany did not start "because of the economic control by the Jews of 70 percent of the best property in all the large cities." Dr. Wise challenged Rep. Miller's figures.

"Hitler was shrewd enough," Rabbi Wise said, "to turn the so-called Christians against the Jews by giving them an opportunity for looting and booty. The amount of Jewish economic control has nothing to do with it. The status of the Jew is bound up with the degree of democratic idealism in this and every country. There is a real fascist peril in America."

Questioned by Rep. O. C. Fisher (Dem.-Texas), Dr. Wise said he would rather take from any group of employers the right to fire and hire than take from any group of Americans the right to employment. "No fundamental right is violated because the Government takes steps to say you cannot discriminate against a man because of his race or creed. It is the right of every American to have equality of opportunity. It is the right of every man to labor so that he may live."

ADMITTANCE OF MORE THAN 1,000 REFUGEES TO "FREE PORTS" IN AMERICA IS DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- Rep. William T. Byrne (Dem.-N. Y.), today became the eighth member of the House of Representatives to introduce a measure urging the President to establish "free ports" as temporary havens for refugees.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Byrne said that the plan to bring 1,000 refugees to Fort Ontario "should be just a start." He said he thought the eventual number to be brought here would be many thousands. Others who have introduced resolutions on "free ports" are Reps. Dickstein, Lane, Marcantonio, Scanlon, Rowan, Celler, and Torrens. Hearings before the House Immigration Committee are scheduled for June 21.

IORE CONVENTION DECIDES TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

ATLANTIC CITY, June 13. (JTA) -- The Independent Order Brith Abraham will raise \$100,000 among its membership for the current \$32,000,000 drive of the United Jewish Appeal, it was decided today at the closing session of the organization's 57th annual convention.

Harold O. N. Frankel, a former assistant-district attorney of New York County, was elected Grand Master of the order for the coming year. Abraham Hollander, also of New York, was elected Grand Secretary. The delegates voted to hold next year's convention in Atlantic City.

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