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ROME RABBI THANKS VATICAN FOR AID GIVEN JEWS DURING GERMAN OCCUPATION

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Vatican radio, describing today the first Sabbath services held by Jews in Rome since their liberation by the Allied armies, said that Rabbi Zolli, the aged rabbi of Rome, expressed from the pulpit the thanks of the Jewish community for the aid extended to Jews in Italy by the Catholic Church and clergy during the months of German persecution.

Many American Jewish soldiers attended the services. An American Jewish chaplain, Lt. Morris H. Kurtzer of Des Moines, Ia., made a speech telling the worshippers how Jewish soldiers fell on the Italian front in the fight for the liberation of Italy from the Germans and the Fascists. He assured the Jews of Rome that the worst was over and that they could look forward to a free and democratic life. His speech, delivered in English, was summarized in Italian by a translator.

Rabbi Zolli, who was the only rabbi left alive by the Nazis in Rome, devoted his sermon to prayers for the suffering Jews who have not yet been liberated from the Nazis and for the victory of the Allied armies. He told all worshippers to pray for the Allies to whom they owed their freedom.

American jeeps were parked in front of the synagogue while the services were going on. They were beset by happy Jewish children, whose fathers and mothers were inside praying. When the services concluded, the Jewish soldiers poured out of the synagogue and climbed into their jeeps to return to the front.

ALLIED PLANES DROP LEAFLETS OVER HUNGARY URGING PEOPLE TO LIBERATE JEWS FROM GHETTOS

ZURICH, June 15. (JTA) -- Allied planes have dropped leaflets over Hungary urging the population to liberate the Jews from the ghettos, the German Transocean news agency reported today.

The same agency disclosed that the entire Jewish population of the city of Novi-Sad has been removed from their homes, and that separate ghettos for converted Jews have been established in Mako.

Pro-Nazi Hungarian newspapers reaching here from Budapest carry articles demanding the death penalty for Jews escaping from ghettos and for those helping them to escape. The death penalty is also demanded for Jews concealing their property and for Hungarians aiding them to conceal it.

The Püeggatlenseg, organ of the Hungarian Government, reports that 20,000 Jews are "under rigorous gendarmerie investigation" in the ghetto of Nagyvarad in order to ascertain the places where they have allegedly hidden their valuables before being driven into the ghetto, as well as the names of their non-Jewish friends who supposedly helped them to hide the property. "Members of all classes in the Hungarian nation are concealing Jews, while Hungarian aristocrats are hiding Jewish treasures. In their cellars," the government paper complains.

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60,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM HUNGARY, CHIEF RABBI OF BRITAIN TELLS LONDON MEETING

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Hertz charged the Hungarian Government with deporting 60,000 Jews from Hungary to Nazi-occupied territory, in an address delivered last night at a meeting here of the Council of Christians and Jews. He also confirmed the report that on the day the Allied armies entered Rome, the Germans there deported 1,500 Italian Jews to occupied Poland in sealed trains.

The Archbishop of Canterbury addressing the gathering voiced his disappointment at the unwillingness of the British Government to admit additional numbers of refugees. "The persecution of Jews has been one of the most hideous elements of the German war record," he said. He expressed support of the proposal that Jews in occupied Europe be given war prisoner status, but doubted that it would be done.

Catholic Archbishop Matthews, expressing admiration for "the traditions of the Jewish faith, and the rabbinate which has kept that faith alive through centuries of persecution," urged Christian ministers to stress that intolerance was sinful and against the teachings of Christ.

SLOVAKIAN GOVERNMENT SEIZES \$1,632,000 EARNED BY JEWISH FORCED LABORERS

ZURICH, June 15. (JTA) -- Jewish forced laborers in Slovakia earned 48,000,000 crowns (nominally \$1,632,000) during 1943, all of which was retained by the government, according to a report by Anton Vasek, a leader of the Hlinka Guard, Slovakian storm-troop organization, quoted in Slovakian newspapers received here today. Vasek said that part of the money earned by the Jews went for maintenance of the camps in which the Jews are confined, while the balance "went to the State for additional investments."

Urging a "final solution" of the Jewish problem in the country, Vasek disclosed figures on the liquidation and deportation of Slovakian Jews. Between 1940 and 1942, he said, the number of Jews in the Bratislava District was reduced from 21,000 to 6,000; in the Nitra district from 10,000 to 2,000; in the Trencianska district from 12,000 to 300; in the Tatranska district 10,900 to 3,900; in the Zemplinska district from 32,000 to 4,300; and in the Pohronska district from 5,000 to 1,600.

Since 1942, numerous reports reaching here have indicated that the number of Jews in Slovakia has been reduced to an even lower figure through deportations and deaths. Before the war there were 90,000 Jews in Slovakia.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BANS PUBLICATION OF ROOSEVELT DENUNCIATION OF PERSECUTION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, June 15, (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's report to Congress, this week, concerning the admission to this country of 1,000 refugees, during which he condemned persecution of Jews and other minorities by the Germans, was banned from the press by the Argentine Government, the New York Herald-Tribune reports today in a dispatch from Montevideo.

The dispatch states that this is the first time that a formal announcement by a President of the United States has ever been suppressed by the Argentine Government. It adds, however, that numerous statements to the press by President Roosevelt, and other high officials, including Secretary of State Hull and Under-Secretary Stettinius have been banned in recent weeks.

JEWISH DELEGATIONS CONFER WITH POLISH PRIME MINISTER ON POLISH-JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Two Jewish delegations, one speaking in behalf of the Representation of Polish Jewry and the other in behalf of the American Representation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of Poland, were received by Polish Prime Minister Mikolajczyk in Washington and discussed with him a number of problems concerning the Jews of Poland, it was announced today.

The delegation of the Representation of Polish Jewry demanded that confiscated property of Polish Jews who have been massacred by the Nazis and have left no relatives, as well as Jewish communal property in Poland, be transferred after the war to a special Jewish body which will use the funds derived from these properties to finance the reconstruction of Jewish life in Poland. The delegation also demanded that the Polish Government-in-Exile take more active measures against anti-Jewish propaganda in the Polish Army, that it outlaw anti-Semitism and declare all pre-war anti-Jewish laws void.

Similar demands were advanced by the delegation of the General Jewish Workers' Union which also asked the elimination of reactionary elements in the Polish Cabinet and suggested issuance of an urgent repeated warning to the Germans against annihilation of Jews. The delegation also suggested that the Polish Government-in-Exile issue a general statement on its views with regard to devastated Jewish life in Poland. The Polish Prime Minister stated that he will take up all these matters with his government upon his return to London.

Polish Officers Lecture to Troops on Harm Caused by Anti-Semitism

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Polish official sources in London today announced that Gen. Malinowski and other members of the Polish Ministry of War have returned from a tour of Scotland where they lectured to Polish military units on the damage done Polish interests by anti-Semitic propaganda.

Informed circles here today denied the statement made in Washington this week by Polish Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, that all of the court-martialed Jewish soldiers, who were subsequently pardoned, have returned to Polish units or are in the process of reinduction. These sources said that although the Jewish soldiers had recently offered to return to their units, they are still quartered at a special camp.

149 MAURITIUS INTERNEES ACCEPTED FOR ARMED FORCES; 93 HAVE DIED

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- Ninety-three of the 1,500 Jews interned on the island of Mauritius, off Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, have died, while 93 have left the island to join the British armed forces, it was disclosed in Commons today by Colonial Minister Col. Oliver Stanley. The Mauritius internees are Jewish refugees who were apprehended when they attempted to enter Palestine without visas. Most of them have been on the island more than three years.

Stanley said that 224 men had volunteered for service in the armed forces, of whom 149 were accepted. Of these 93 have left the island to join military units, while an additional 56 await transportation. Sixty-four women, he said, have offered their services to the war effort, and their proposal is being considered. Aside from those who have departed for military service only six internees have been permitted to leave, Col. Stanley said.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CANCELS ITS BIENNIAL CONVENTION; ACTS ON O.D.T. REQUEST

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today announced the cancellation of its biennial three-day convention which was scheduled to open in New York on June 24. The convention was called off in compliance with the request of the Office of Defense Transportation for immediate cancellation of all conventions so as to make all transportation facilities available for the increased military needs due to the invasion of Europe.

A statement issued by the executive committee of the Congress, explaining its decision to call off the convention, says: "The ODT requested the immediate cancellation of all conventions and meetings not connected with the war program and the end of all non-essential civilian travel in order to make room for the transportation of war casualties and other military passengers. With the news of the first battles on the coast of Normandy it became clear that momentous as are the problems of our people, neither the country as a whole nor the Jewish community can give concentrated attention to these problems at this most critical hour of conflict. Psychologically we are all participants in the battle and our natural impulse is to suspend all other problems until victory looms certain over the smoke of the battlefield. For these reasons the Convention has been postponed.

"This does not mean, however, that the Congress will give up, even for a time, any of its activities. We regard these activities as a direct contribution to the strengthening of the home front, but we consider it our patriotic duty to call off the planned convention at this moment of all-out national effort to win the war. The solutions of the problems affecting the future of our people will appear in a much clearer light when the actual liberation of the European continent will be well under way."

FORTY STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM COURSE ON POST-WAR JEWISH EMIGRATION WORK

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Forty students who were graduated from the Training Course on Migration Problems arranged jointly by the Hias and the Hicem under the auspices of the New School for Social Research received certificates last night at a formal ceremony held at the New School, presided over by Dr. H. Staudinger, dean of the Faculty of Political Science. The course was arranged in connection with post-war Jewish emigration activities.

Principal speakers at the ceremony were, in addition to Dr. Staudinger, Max Gottschalk, president of the Hicem, and Abraham Herman, president of the Hias. They stressed the value of the course which was initiated by Ilja Djour, Hicem's executive secretary, and expressed their thanks to the New School of Social Research and to the forty lecturers who participated in the course. Hyman Lev, one of the graduates, spoke in behalf of the students.

JACOB KAPLAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES IN BOSTON

BOSTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Jacob J. Kaplan, Boston attorney, was elected president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies at a meeting of the board of trustees this week, it was announced here today. He succeeds Judge Abraham K. Cohen who was elected honorary president. Other officers elected are Milton Kahn, first vice-president; Reuben B. Gryzmish, Samuel Markell, Judge Abraham E. Pinanski, Sidney Rabinovits, Irving Usen and F. Frank Vorenberg, vice presidents; Casper M. Grosberg, treasurer; Joseph Rabinovits, assistant treasurer; Jacob L. Wiseman, secretary.