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HUNGARIAN PRESS DEMANDS JEWS BE FORBIDDEN TO SMOKE; "AUXILIARY SERVICE" FOR JEWS

ZURICH, June 16. (JTA) -- A decree barring Jews in Hungary from smoking cigarettes and cigars - similar to restrictions in force in Germany and in the occupied countries - is demanded by the Hungarian press, the German radio reports today.

"Hungarian newspapers believe that the shortage of cigarettes and tobacco could effectively be remedied by prohibiting Jews from entering tobacco stores and by forbidding them to smoke," the broadcast said.

Budapest papers report that the mobilization of Jews in Hungary for "auxiliary military service" is being carried out with great speed. All Jews between 18 and 48 years of age must report for service. Exemptions are made only for disabled soldiers of the last war, for rabbis and yeshiva students and for Jews employed in essential war industries and in defense work. Doctors, engineers, pharmacists and veterinary surgeons are also being excused in various localities where they are needed. Jews failing to report for service will be punished by five years imprisonment or court-martialed.

The association of cinema owners in Hungary has appealed to the government to modify its order banning Jews from visiting moving-picture houses. The association pointed out that its cinema houses are practically empty as a result of this ban. The appeal suggests that certain sections in these houses be reserved for Jews.

Revision of "Jewish" Trials since 1914 Demanded in Hungary

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- Quoting Hungarian newspapers, the Office of War Information today reported that "sweeping anti-Jewish measures, recently termed by the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee as 'cold-blooded murder,' continue in Hungary."

The report said that the Hungarian newspaper *Magyarsag* demands an "official revision" of all trials since 1914 in which the plaintiff, his lawyer, the injured party or principal witnesses were Jewish. These cases should be entrusted to the people's courts which shall have the right to fix damages without right of appeal. "Thus," the paper says, "the peoples' feelings of offended justice will be satisfied."

Another article in *Magyarsag* discloses that the mayor of Nagykoros, in central Hungary, has compiled a list which contains the names of all persons who intervene on behalf of Jews. The names of these persons will be published from time to time, the paper states. It complains that "streets named after Jews continue to offend the populace" and demands that "the situation be remedied immediately" and all streets be re-named "after great anti-Semitic leaders."

The *Magyarsag* also has attacked the Office for the Protection of Minor Children. According to the article, Jewish fathers and mothers, in an effort to secure their property, have signed it over to their children. The Budapest newspaper accuses the office of cooperating with the parents.

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NAL LIBERATION REGISTERS WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6. (JTA) -- The newly-established "Hebrew Committee of three of its members, including its chairman, Peter Bergson, on statements as foreign agents, the Department of Justice Committee registered as "an agent of the Hebrew nation."

and by the Committee said that the organization was not sure provisions of the Foreign Agents Act of 1938. The members Bergson, also known as Kook, living in Washington; Samuel Merlin, Ben-Nahum, formerly Theodore Kopeliovitch, now in New York; Chicago; Eri Jabotinsky, now in Turkey, Arie Ben-Eliezer, now a Jeremiah Halpern, now in England. The first three filed

s will be submitted later, the Committee statement said. pointed out, have been members of the American Friends of a re active members of the Committee for a Jewish Army and the ave the Jews of Europe; and some were members of the Free e it was being organized. According to the statement, the never functioned publicly and was dissolved upon the forma- tee of National Liberation.

e finances of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation the eived \$10,000 from the Free Palestine Committee and had e Palestine Defense Fund. Bergson and Merlin draw salaries a "low ceiling" which was "self-imposed" and is not to be rs of the staff.

," the statement reads, "there is no other organization which o represent or to speak for the foreign principle. The ine, the World Jewish Congress and a number of other organiza- or 'the Jewish people' of the world as a whole. But it is ear distinction between Hebrews, who belong to a specific ity -- the Hebrew nation -- and the 'Jewish people' which is cultural entity of no possible political standing. Jewish ussian, etc."

Asks Establishment of Refugee Shelters in Palestine

(JTA) -- The newly constituted "Hebrew Committee of National Memorandum to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, sh Government establish emergency refugee shelters in Pales- s escaping from enemy persecution." The establishment of broadcast to the people of occupied Europe "so that Hebrews ghbors will be able to escape thereto," the memorandum said.

000,000 signatures to a petition addressed to President blishment of more refugee camps in the United States as persecuted Jews and other minorities in Europe was launched ommittee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

QUESTION OF COOPERATION WITH JEWISH AGENCY IN RESCUE WORK

6. (JTA) -- The question of cooperation with the Jewish Agency enter of discussion today at a convention of the Agudas Israel, tion, which is being attended by 185 delegates from all parts

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS CONFER WITH PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON RESCUE PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- The Palestine High Commissioner today received David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, and Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's political department, and discussed with them problems concerning the rescue of Jews from occupied Europe.

No details of the discussions were made public. Mr. Shertok has just returned from a trip to Syria. Prior to leaving he also saw the High Commissioner.

POLISH JEW IN PALESTINE SENTENCED BY POLISH COURT-MARTIAL ALTHOUGH NEVER IN ARMED FORCES

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- Polish military authorities here have sentenced a Polish Jew to six years imprisonment on charges of "desertion" although he was never a member of the Polish armed forces, it was disclosed today when his attorney filed a writ of habeas corpus in Jerusalem district court.

The imprisoned man, Chaim Novik, was among the Polish refugees in southern Siberia. In 1941, he volunteered for the Polish Army then being formed in the U.S.S.R. but was rejected and given a certificate stating that he was exempt from military service. In some undisclosed manner Novik succeeded in leaving Russia with the Polish Army that was evacuated to the Middle East, and eventually reached Palestine.

Shortly after his arrival here, he was arrested and sentenced by the Chief Magistrate in Haifa to a short term in prison on charges of entering the country illegally. At the conclusion of his sentence, the Polish authorities formally demanded his extradition, and he was turned over to them. A Polish court-martial sentenced Novik to six year's penal servitude for "desertion," refusing to recognize the certificate of exemption granted him in Russia.

A court order issued today calls on the commander of the Polish forces here to appear on July 4, to show cause why Novik should not be released.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY OPPOSES PARTITION OF PALESTINE; WANTS ARABS TRANSFERRED

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- The British Labor Party is opposed to "diminution of the area of Jewish development in Palestine" by partitioning, Arthur Greenwood, Labor Party leader, states in an article appearing in the current issue of "Jewish Labor," the organ of the Poale Zion movement.

Emphasizing that the Labor Party has, since the last war, realized that homelessness was at the root of the Jewish problem, Greenwood reiterates the party's full support for the re-establishment of the Jewish people on a status of full equality among the nations of the world, and for the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish Commonwealth. At the same time, he writes, the Labor Party demands citizenship and equal opportunities for Jews in every country, coupled with the right to retain their identity and to develop a group life.

Defending the party's suggestion, made some months ago, that the borders of Palestine be extended and that some of the Arab population be moved to Iraq, the Labor leader says that this suggestion is in accordance with the general principles of international post-war settlement. The strengthening of the sparse population of Iraq by an influx of Arabs might be considered advantageous to the Arabs, he asserts, especially if such a transfer were supported financially by the United Nations.

JEWISH EDUCATION IN AMERICA FACES MANY PROBLEMS, COMMUNAL LEADERS ARE TOLD

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Problems of Jewish education in the United States were discussed here last night by a number of distinguished speakers at a dinner tendered by the Jewish Education Committee to Samuel S. Schneierson, president of the group. The dinner, which was held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, was attended by 1,700 persons active in Jewish communal affairs in this city.

Mr. Schneierson, addressing the gathering, pointed out that "Jewish education, the basic training of Jewish children which should be the very foundation of the structure of our community, continues to be a problem. In this field, we still have much work to do to reach the level of development which has marked the growth of our community as a whole.

"To hasten that process of development is the greatest task facing us today," Mr. Schneierson continued. "Our failure or success in this field will determine whether our children grow up to be fearful Jews, with a chip on their shoulder, always on the defensive, or whether our children will grow to be intelligent Jews with a sense of inner security which will shield them against the repeated barrages of hate that have blemished these past decades."

Dr. David de Sola Pool, principal speaker at the dinner, pointed out that the responsibility for the survival and transmission of Jewish life and Jewish values in this country rests upon Jewish leadership and on no one else. "It is a paramount and inescapable duty," he said, "If we fail, in one or two generations our synagogues will be empty shells and our great philanthropies will be hypertrophied organizations. For then we shall find ourselves differentiated from our neighbors not by religion or distinctive cultural heritage, but only by anti-Semitism on the outside and what is called race on the inside, a dishonored segregation without purpose, without meaning and without soul." Other speakers included George Z. Medalie, Edgar J. Nathan, Harry E. Liebovitz, and Dr. Alexander Dushkin.

CONVENTION OF FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS OPENS TODAY WITH APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Roosevelt "to continue with the sacred program of rescue and to increase efforts to save those who can still be saved," will be made tomorrow at the opening session of the three-day convention of the American Federation of Polish Jews, which is being attended by 400 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada. The meeting, held at the Hotel Pennsylvania here, will formulate demands in connection with the post-war rehabilitation of Polish Jewry.

The text of the appeal, made public today, also urges President Roosevelt "to prepare more havens of safety for those who can manage to escape from the Nazi claws and to demand the removal of the ban against unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine."

A message to the surviving Jews in Poland calls for courage and preparation for the day of liberation. "We pledge you that we shall not rest until a life of freedom, security and happiness shall become a reality in a new Poland whose constitution shall guarantee to you full national rights, freedom from anti-Semitism and the full flowering of your own creative life," the message says.