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CONFISCATION OF ALL JEWISH PROPERTY IN GENOA ANNOUNCED BY FASCIST RADIO

BERN, June 18. (JTA) -- The confiscation of all property belonging to Jews in the Italian city of Genoa was announced today over the Fascist Republican radio.

The broadcast also announced that a 58-year old Italian priest, Gianantonio Agosti, has been arrested by the Fascist authorities in Milan "for taking advantage of his religious office to help Jews." Father Agosti, who served as professor at the Milan Cathedral for twenty-seven years, is charged with providing Jews with "false identity documents." The Fascist radio also claimed that "extensive correspondence with Jews was found in his possession" and that he gave shelter to Jews in a convent.

ALL JEWS IN BUDAPEST ORDERED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES BY END OF THIS MONTH

STOCKHOLM, June 18. (JTA) -- The official German news agency DNE today reported from Budapest that an order has been issued there under which all Jews of the city will have "to live together" by June 30. Those Budapest Jews who have not yet moved from their homes into the recently established ghetto districts will have to arrange for "voluntary moving" before the end of this month.

The order specifies that no Jewish family can occupy more than one room and that all houses where Jews reside must have a "clearly-visible, 30-centimeters-high, Star of David displayed at the front door."

The Hungarian news service reports that four Protestant clergymen and one rabbi will be placed on trial on the charge that they jointly conspired to issue certificates of baptism to Jews in order to save them from the anti-Jewish laws. Rabbi Bende of Kispet, the rabbi involved, has allegedly admitted to the authorities that at his intervention the four clergymen issued the baptismal certificates to Jews without baptizing them.

The Budapest radio today reported that 3,000 Jews who had been segregated in a small ghetto in the city of Debrecen have suddenly been transferred to a larger ghetto where many thousands of Jews are being held. They were not permitted to take along with them more than fifty kilograms of luggage each. The evacuated ghetto was thoroughly searched by police and custom officials and all valuables were confiscated.

The broadcast also reported that 560 Jewish dwellings have been handed over to non-Jewish applicants in Szombathely. In Rimaszombat three non-Jews were arrested for attempting to smuggle eight Jews from Hungary to Slovakia. Each of these Jews was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, after which he will be sent to a concentration camp.

A demand that Jews be removed from the ghettos and deported was voiced in Budapest by Zoltan Bosnyak, head of the Hungarian Research Institute on Jews. The deportation of Jews is the only means of preserving the racial purity of the Hungarian nation, he asserted.

WEIZMANN DOUBTS EXILED, DEPORTED JEWS WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO HOMELANDS AFTER WAR

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) --Doubts that the exiled and deported Jews of Europe will be able to return to their homelands after hostilities cease, were expressed here today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Declaring that "it is not easy for human beings to return to mass-graves," Dr. Weizmann added that Fascist ideas will prevail in occupied Europe for generations after its liberation.

Addressing a special session of the Board of Deputies of British Jews called to discuss the problem of the Jews in German-held Europe, Dr. Weizmann welcomed the recent statement by President Roosevelt on the plight of Jews in Europe, but stated that because of the overwhelming war problems facing the United Nations, it will devolve on the Jews of the democratic countries to rescue their brethren in Europe. He pointed to the effort of the Palestine Jewish community, which, he said, had saved 40,000 Jews in recent years. The victorious nations must establish conditions after the war which will preclude the repetition of the "dismal tragedy" of the Jews, the Zionist leader stated. A basis for such conditions, he said, must be a Jewish homeland and state organization.

Following Dr. Weizmann's address, the deputies unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the British and United Nations governments to redouble their efforts to rescue the Jews, who, it said, are menaced by imminent extermination because of Germany's fear that it is facing defeat. It urged the Allies to take all measures necessary to impress upon the peoples of the German satellite nations that it is their duty to save the Jews in their lands from the Nazis. The resolution also asked the United Nations to provide asylum and settlement opportunities within their borders for Jews escaping from occupied territory. Finally, it demanded that no steps be placed in the way of continuation of the task of rescue through Palestine.

RESUMPTION OF RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR REFUGEES FROM POLAND IN RUSSIA EXPECTED

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- There appeared to be prospects today of an early resumption of relief activities for Jewish and Polish refugees from Poland now in Russia, suspended since the severance of Russo-Polish diplomatic relations in 1943.

Upon his return to London after a State visit to the United States, Prime Minister Stanislaus Mikolajczyk of the Polish exile Government said that he had gained the impression while in Washington that a working arrangement with regard to relief was possible.

It was learned in this connection that the United States Government some time ago discussed with Moscow the question of use of lend-lease materials allocated to the Polish Government before relations between the Soviet and Polish governments were disrupted. Washington suggested that these supplies be used for relief of Polish citizens in Russia and that they be distributed under the supervision of Australian representatives, since Australia now represents Polish interests in Russia. The Soviet Government, it is known, viewed Washington's suggestion favorably.

JEWS IN RUMANIA ORDERED TO JOIN AIR RAID RESCUE UNITS

ZURICH, June 18. (JTA) -- The Bucharest radio today announced that all Jews in Rumania between the ages of 16 and 17, as well as those between 51 and 55, have been ordered to enlist in units doing rescue work during Allied air raids on Rumanian cities. Jews between 17 and 50 were placed at forced labor by the Rumanian authorities many months ago.

AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO COOPERATE IN EFFORT TO SAVE 2,000 REFUGEES HELD BY NAZIS

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- In an effort to save 2,000 refugees now confined in concentration camps in Germany or German-occupied countries, the United States and other American nations have decided to attempt to secure their release in exchange for a like number of German nationals held in the Americas, it was revealed here by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The refugees, it was learned, are persons who hold visas issued by various American countries but who have never been permitted to leave Nazi territory. An explanatory statement issued here, simultaneous with release of a resolution on the refugees adopted by the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense at Montevideo, says that the refugees have apparently been detained by the Germans in an effort to use them as a medium of exchange for German nationals abroad.

The statement says that it has been learned that the Germans are preparing to adopt the same repressive measures toward these refugees - who up until now have been treated fairly leniently - as have been applied to most persons held by the Nazis.

"Therefore," it continues, "only the most urgent and decisive steps will prevent the annihilation of the persons under reference. These steps would include: 1) that the American Governments make definite representations to the German Government that the documents issued or the permits granted in their name to these individuals must be respected by that Government; and 2) that exchange proposals be promptly worked out on a collective basis for the purpose of liberating such persons."

At the same time, the State Department released the text of a letter written by Mr. Hull to Dr. Alberto Guani, president of the committee. The letter said: "I note that this (the committee's) resolution proposes that the American republics concert and intensify their efforts to rescue from German hands some thousands of oppressed minorities holding non-European documentation; that this be done by joint proposals to exchange German nationals from the American republics for these persecuted groups; and that such exchanges be achieved consistently with security considerations surrounding exchanges previously formulated by your committee in the interests of hemispheric defense. My Government will be most happy to participate actively in such an inter-American program."

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$16,000,000 IN FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1944

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- More than half of the \$32,000,000 quota of the nation-wide campaign for world-wide rescue and rehabilitation carried on by the United Jewish Appeal was raised in the first five months of 1944 by 3,250 Jewish communities throughout the country, it was reported yesterday following a meeting of the executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal at the Biltmore Hotel.

Asserting that the Jews of the United States have responded generously to the United Jewish Appeal at a time when its agencies were confronted with critical needs resulting from the tightening of the grip of Nazi control in the Balkans, a statement issued by the executive committee stressed the fact that even greater needs would face the United Jewish Appeal in the immediate future.

It was reported at the executive meeting that the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal have been cooperating closely with the governmental and inter-governmental bodies concerned with the refugee problem. The opening up of channels of escape through the intervention of the President's War Refugee Board has helped to increase the flow of emigration from Europe to Palestine and the Western Hemisphere, the executive committee said. Through the combined rescue operations of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, 8,500 refugees from the Balkans, North Africa, Spain and Portugal have been brought to Palestine since the beginning of the year.

FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS DEMANDS FULL EQUALITY FOR JEWS IN POST-WAR POLAND

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A series of resolutions demanding full economic, political and cultural equality for the Jews of Poland after the war was adopted here today at the 35th annual convention of the American Federation of Polish Jews, at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The convention, which is being attended by 400 delegates, will conclude tomorrow.

The resolutions demand: 1) Right of Jews to participate in all economic activities and professions and to secure government employment; 2) Cultural autonomy for Jews, to be secured by the formation of an autonomous federation of Jewish communities which will have the authority to regulate the internal affairs of Jewish life; 3) Cancellation by the Polish Government of all confiscations or transfers of Jewish property which occurred during the German occupation. Property belonging to murdered Jews who left no heirs shall be turned over to a central Jewish relief organization; 4) Full implementation of legislation restoring Polish citizenship to those Jews deprived of it prior to the war; and 5) Legislation making anti-Semitism a crime against the State. The resolution also decried any suggestions for evacuation of Jews from Poland after the war and asked Jewish representation on the commission set up to try war criminals.

At the opening session last night, the delegates heard a message of greetings from President Roosevelt. The President said: "The problems which confront you in the noble work of rehabilitation of the Polish Jewry provide a challenge, the poignancy of which fills men's hearts with a determination so deep and strong that despite all odds the efforts will continue until the liberation of these innocent people is achieved." Early today the delegates attended funeral services for Benjamin Winter, president of the federation, who died suddenly on Friday.

Funeral Services for Benjamin Winter Held Here; Was 63

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Benjamin Winter, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, who died Friday night at his home here. He was 63 years old. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise officiated.

Born in Lodz, Poland, Winter came to the United States in 1901 and became one of the best known realtors in New York. He was active in the American Jewish Congress, the United Palestine Appeal and in various fraternal and philanthropic Jewish organizations.

2.0.A. SELLS \$10,000,000 IN WAR BONDS DURING FIRST WEEK OF CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- The sale of over \$10,000,000 in War Bonds by units of the Zionist Organization of America in the first week of its nation-wide War Bond Campaign was announced today in a report issued from the national Zionist headquarters here. Edmund I. Kaufmann, former president of the organization, heads its national War Effort Committee.

The original quota of \$25,000,000 set by the Zionist Organization of America was boosted to \$50,000,000, following the Allied invasion of Europe. Greater New York units of the Organization have set a quota of \$10,000,000 of which \$3,000,000 have already been raised. A quota of \$5,000,000 has been adopted by Philadelphia and Chicago. Quotas in excess of \$1,000,000 each have been set by Rhode Island, Ohio Valley, Dallas, Texas, and San Antonio Texas.