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JEWISH CHILDREN IN ARGENTINE SCHOOLS SEGREGATED FROM OTHERS; PLACED ON SEPARATE BENCHES

MONTEVIDEO, June 20. (JTA) -- Separate benches for Jewish children have been introduced in a number of public schools in Argentina as a result of the introduction of compulsory teaching of the Catholic religion by the Argentine authorities, it was reliably reported here today.

The Jewish children are boycotted and humiliated by their non-Jewish schoolmates, the report said. Many Jewish parents are consequently considering removing their children from the local schools.

The system of compulsory religious education introduced in the Argentine schools is one of the measures which, though not aimed especially against Jews, nevertheless hits Jews the hardest. Under this system each child must state his religion. Children registering as Jewish are separated from the others since they do not receive the religious instruction.

ABOUT 1,000 JEWS STILL REMAIN IN VIENNA; GESTAPO CLAIMS 5,000 MASQUERADING AS NON-JEWS

STOCKHOLM, June 20. (JTA) -- There are still about 1,000 Jews living in Vienna, the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported today. They are composed of persons over seventy years of age and of orphans under fourteen.

The paper states that the affairs of these remnants of Austrian Jewry are being cared for by a Jewish communal body which has its offices on Seitenstetten Street. Its activities are devoted chiefly to emigration. This body, the paper reports, has a staff of twenty-five which includes a number of doctors.

"The Gestapo," the Swedish newspaper continues, "claims that in addition to these 1,000 Jews, there are between 5,000 and 7,000 more Jews in Austria, all of them living there illegally on documents showing that they are either air-raid victims from Germany or Fascists from the southern part of the Tyrol. The Gestapo says that it cannot take any measures against them because their documents are all in order."

The correspondent of the Swedish newspaper estimates that 30,000 Nazis are living in houses of deported Vienna Jews and that several thousand Germans from various parts of the Reich are operating business enterprises which were taken from the Jews. He says that the so-called "half Jews" in Vienna were mobilized on June 1 for war service and that Jewish men and women who are married to "Aryans" are doing forced labor in the city. They receive food rations lower than those given the general population but higher than the ones assigned to Jews.

The Nazi press in Vienna is conducting a campaign for destruction of all Jewish cemeteries from which the tombstones have not yet been removed. The slogan of their campaign is, "The Jew has disappeared from Germany - everything else recalling him must also disappear!"

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES \$3,200,000 PLAN FOR POST-WAR EXPANSION

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- A large-scale expansion of the facilities of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the five-year period following the war were outlined here today by Rector Dr. Leon Mayer and Administrator Dr. Werner Senator.

The University heads told a press conference that chief aims of the reconstruction program -- which they estimated would require more than \$3,000,000 -- were establishment of a medical school and of a school of economics and social sciences to train administrators for the Jewish national institutions, the Jewish municipalities here, the Palestine Government and, also, Jewish communities in Europe.

Stressing the great role that the university must play in the period after the war because of the destruction of the cultural facilities of European Jewry, Drs. Mayer and Senator divulged that the university also plans enlargement of its research facilities, expansion of its library and training of teachers for service in Palestine and abroad. They said that special emphasis has been placed on establishment of a medical school because of the anticipated shortage of Jewish doctors in the decade following the war owing to the fact that Jews have been excluded from the medical schools of most of Europe in recent years.

The funds necessary to finance this ambitious program fall into two categories: money needed for current expenditures over a five-year period, and that required to erect and equip the buildings which will house the new schools. They estimated that about \$1,200,000 will be needed for current expenses, while about \$2,000,000 will be required for capital expenditure. The first amount, they said, must be secured by increased fund-raising drives in Palestine and among the Jews throughout the world, while the latter amount should be raised by large non-recurrent contributions from wealthy individuals.

SENATE HEARS ATTACK ON JEWS FOR SUPPORTING FIGHT AGAINST JOB DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- Asserting that Jews "have received more consideration at the hands of the Administration than any other nationality in the United States," and that in the government departments "there is no lack of the Jewish nationality," Senator Theodore Bilbo (Dem.-Miss.) today assailed Jewish support of President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practice Committee.

Bilbo's attack was made prior to refusal by the Senate -- by a vote of 31 to 28 -- to strike out from the bill appropriating funds for government bureaus the sum of \$500,000 allotted to the FEPC. The Senate's action, which followed several days of filibustering by Southern members, guarantees existence of the FEPC for another year.

The Mississippi Senator took issue with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who last week testified before a Congressional committee urging the creation of a permanent FEPC. He added that Henry Morgenthau, Jr., "operates the financial part of the government" and referred to the alleged influence which Bernard Baruch has upon government affairs. "A very splendid Jew from New York, Barney Baruch, is shaping all the policies of the Administration, especially post-war policies," Bilbo said.

"I think Rabbi Wise is the last man in the world who ought to be complaining against discrimination against minority races," Bilbo continued, "when his nationality has received more consideration at the hands of the present Administration than any other nationality in the United States."

ONLY ONE-THIRD OF CZERNOWITZ' 80,000 JEWS REMAIN ALIVE, RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

MOSCOW, June 20. (JTA) -- About 25,000 Jews remain in the city of Czernowitz, capital of the province of Bukovina - the survivors of a Jewish population of more than 80,000 - it is reported here by the noted Soviet war correspondent and playwright Konstantin Simonov who visited Czernowitz while touring the fronts.

Simonov spoke with the rabbi of the city, who spent the entire 33 months of the German occupation hiding in cellars. During this period his wife and children died. The correspondent describes him as "a very old man with a white beard, long white hair and deeply wrinkled face." He learned later that the rabbi was only 52.

Czernowitz was occupied by the Germans on June 25, 1941, only three days after they had launched their attack on the U.S.S.R. Immediately after their entrance, the Nazis ordered a registration of all Jews. On the basis of these lists they summoned 3,000 to 5,000 young Jews to appear at a designated place every Monday. Of these ten percent were shot.

On these "Black Mondays," the rabbi told Simonov, the Nazis would hold those they did not shoot until after 9 P.M. when they were told to return home. However, since it was unlawful for Jews to appear on the streets after 9 P.M., many of the Jews were killed by Rumanian units patrolling the streets.

After about ten weeks of this "cat-and-mouse" game, the Rumanian authorities, who were the nominal rulers of the city, posted a proclamation requiring all the 80,000 Jews remaining in the city to move to a ghetto area consisting of four blocks in which there were 30 houses. Failure to move to the ghetto was punishable by death. The rabbi disclosed the almost unbelievable details of how 112 persons lived in a small bedroom; how people dwelt in court-yards, on roofs, in hallways, on stairs, and in every available corner of space.

After they had been confined in the ghetto for some time, the Jews were notified one day that they had one-half hour to prepare for deportation to Transnistria. About 50,000 of the ghetto's inhabitants were shipped off in freight cars. The others remained. Of the 50,000 only a scattered few have returned to Czernowitz, Simonov learned. The others perished in Transnistria from lack of food, shelter, clothing and medical and health facilities.

PALESTINE ALONE OFFERS SOUND IMMIGRATION PROSPECT FOR JEWS AFTER WAR, SILVER SAYS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The opening of Palestine to large scale Jewish immigration is an indispensable part of any realistic program to solve the problem of uprooted and displaced Jews after the war, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared today, addressing more than 1,000 executives of film and broadcasting companies, music publishers, theatrical producers and stars of the stage, screen and radio, at a luncheon for the United Jewish Appeal.

"Everyone realizes that European Jewry will emerge from this war physically ravaged and seriously depleted both in numbers and resources," Dr. Silver said. "Financial aid will be required for a considerable time after the war to heal their wounds. Jews in the war-stricken countries will have special and peculiar problems of their own which will have to be met by supplementary aid given to them by their fellow-Jews in other parts of the world. This will be our first task. To salvage, to rebuild whatever can be rebuilt, to reunite broken families, and to reestablish shattered communities.

"There will also be a large uprooted Jewish population, a floating population of human misery seeking new homes in a world which will be inhospitable to immigration. Palestine alone offers a sound and realistic prospect for mass-scale Jewish immigration. Provided the political barriers which the mandatory power has illegally erected are removed."

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JEWISH RELIEF GROUP IN ARGENTINA SENDS FUNDS TO J.D.C. FOR AID TO BALKAN REFUGEES

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Aid to War Victims in Buenos Aires has contributed \$15,000 to the American Joint Distribution Committee for the transportation of Balkan Jewish refugees from Turkey to Palestine, it was announced here today. Simon Mirelman, Argentine industrialist and community leader, is president of the Buenos Aires organization.

In making the announcement, Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., pointed out that "it is heartening at this time to realize that Jews in many countries feel a responsibility for their suffering brethren abroad and are taking practical steps to bring them aid." Mr. Hyman added that while the main support for the work of the J.D.C. still comes from Jews in the United States, an increasing number of contributions are being made by Jewish communities in Latin America, including Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico. "These contributions are especially gratifying," Mr. Hyman said, "because part of the funds come from refugees who in the last eleven years were brought to havens in South America as victims of Nazi oppression themselves. Many of them were helped by J.D.C. and now they are able to assist in bringing aid to others not so fortunate as they."

Jews in Argentina Contribute 1,000,000 Pesos To British Fund

BUENOS AIRES, (JTA-Airmail) -- More than 1,000,000 pesos (about \$250,000) have been contributed to the British Patriotic Front by the Argentine Jewish Committee to Aid Great Britain during the last forty months, it was announced here by the Committee.

The announcement said that twelve Red Cross ambulances carrying the inscription "Comite Israelita de la Argentina pro Ayda a Gran Bretana" will be placed in service on various fighting fronts. The Committee also made contributions to the Inter-Allied Commission of Coordination and to the Wings for Winston Fund, the announcement stated.

CENSUS OF JEWS TAKEN IN PERU; PERUVIAN JEWISH GROUPS CONVOKE CONGRESS

LIMA, Peru, (JTA-Airmail) -- A census of the Jewish population in Peru is now being taken for the first time. The Jewish community here hopes to have it completed before July 28th when the first Congress of Peruvian Jewry will open a two-day session to formally establish a central representative body which will be able to speak in the name of all the Jews of Peru.

The Congress, in which representatives of every existing Jewish institution in the country will participate, will also discuss the question of relief for the Jews in occupied Europe, and will define its attitude toward the demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. Jewish leaders in Peru resent the fact that the information bulletin published by the British Legation here carried an article justifying the White Paper and asserting that Palestine is no longer capable of absorbing new Jewish immigrants.

PIONEER WOMEN IN U. S. RAISE CLOSE TO MILLION DOLLARS FOR PALESTINE IN TWO YEARS

ST. LOUIS, June 20. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women's Organization of America, a Zionist laborite group, raised over \$930,000 during the last two years for various activities in Palestine, the Midwestern conference of the organization was told today by Miss Dvorah Rothbard, national secretary.