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ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN BROADCASTS APPEAL TO HUNGARY AGAINST MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- A strongly-worded appeal to the people of Hungary to abstain from the anti-Jewish policy of their government was broadcast today by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York.

Emphasizing that the segregation of Jews in ghettos and the systematic looting of Jewish property in Hungary is contradictory to the Catholic preaching, the prelate told the Hungarian people that "it is incredible" that they would join "in a hymn of hatred and willingly submit to the blood lust and brigandage of tyranny." His appeal, was beamed to Hungary and is expected to be relayed also to other Catholic countries. It reads:

"Almost on the feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Church of Christ emphasizes the supraracial character of her mission, we learned that the Government of Hungary had agreed to enforce against the Jewish people a code of discriminatory laws. We were told that this unhappy segment of Israel in Hungary is being herded into ghettos after its homes and its shops had been systematically looted and pillaged.

"This announcement has shocked all men and women who cherish a sense of justice and of human sympathy. It is in direct contradiction of the doctrines of the Catholic faith professed by the vast majority of the Hungarian people. It is a negation of the noblest pages of Hungarian history and cultural tradition.

"Through the stormy ages Hungarian Catholics have been loyal to the lofty principles of justice, mercy and charity proclaimed by our Divine Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. They have been steadfast whether under attack by the Mongols and the Turks in centuries past, or in our own times under the bitter persecution of Bela Kun and his cruel cohorts.

Denounces Blood and Race Theory of Nazis

"It seems incredible, therefore, that a nation which has been so consistently true to the impulses of human kindness and the teachings of the Catholic Church should now yield to a false, pagan code of tyranny because of blood and race. How can men of good will fail to heed those solemn words of Pope Pius XI: 'Abraham is called our patriarch, our ancestor. Anti-Semitism is not compatible with the sublime reality of this text. It is a movement in which we Christians cannot share. Spiritually we are Semites.'

"One of the great lessons to be learned from the life of Hungary's king and patron saint is that no minority should be oppressed. For injustices of whatever kind can wreck and destroy the integrity of any nation's life. Nearly a thousand years ago, St. Stephen, King of Hungary, received his crown from Pope Sylvester II. He realized that Hungary was destined by the very exigencies of geography to be the crossroads of

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Europe where diverse racial stocks would necessarily meet. St. Stephen pledged himself and his people to live as common children of a loving mother country.

"This same saintly national hero dreamed always of Hungary as a 'Regnum Marianum' as a realm of Mary. To this day, the coinage and the postage stamps of the country bear the figure of Mary, the Mother of Mankind. It would be all the more tragic, therefore, if a people so devoted to Mary, the Jewish maiden who was the mother of the Messiah, should freely countenance cruel laws calculated to despoil and annihilate the race from which Jesus and Mary sprang.

"It is incredible that a people with such profound Christian faith, with its glorious history, with the oldest parliamentary tradition on the continent, would join in a hymn of hatred and willingly submit to the blood lust and brigandage of tyranny. No man can love God and hate his brother. No one who hates his brother can be a faithful follower of the gentle Christ."

Jews in Hungary Restricted to Two Square Meters Rooming Space

ZURICH, June 27. (JTA) -- Acting under the existing anti-Jewish regulations, the Hungarian authorities have allotted only 2,800 apartments to the 250,000 Jews of Budapest who have been moved into ghettos, it was reported here today from the Hungarian capital.

More than 28,000 Jewish apartments have been vacated in Budapest by the removal of the Jews. The central body of Hungarian Jewry, which is acting as a liaison group between the Jews and the Hungarian authorities, was notified that no more than two square meters of housing space will be allotted to each Jew in the ghetto dwellings. Jewish doctors will be permitted to have a reception room in addition to their living quarters.

The policy of the Hungarian Government to concentrate all the Jews of Budapest in areas exposed to Allied air raids has already produced its first ghastly results. The Hungarian Telegraphic Agency today reports that the Jewish hospital and seven Jewish houses in Budapest, located in the ghetto section of the city, have been hit by Allied bombs. No details are given as to the number of casualties.

The Budapest radio today announced that beginning July 1, men in the Jewish Labor Service in Hungary allowed to correspond with their families, will have to use special yellow post-cards. The cards, the announcement said, will have "reply cards" attached, on which return addresses must be filled by the Jews in the labor service before mailing, otherwise the family will not be able to respond. Postal authorities are instructed not to accept any communications for Jews in the labor service except on the yellow "reply cards," the broadcast warned.

JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS RESTORATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN ITALY WITH STETTINIUS

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- The question of restitution of confiscated property to Jews upon their return to Italy was discussed here today by a delegation of the World Jewish Congress with Assistant Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

The delegation, which included Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, also discussed the attitude of the Turkish Government to the problem of admitting more Jewish refugees from Balkan countries to Turkey. The situation of the Jews in Hungary was also touched upon during the discussion.

GREATER POSSIBILITIES FOR RESCUE ACTION INDICATED BY SHERTOK; LEAVES FOR LONDON

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The existence of wider possibilities for rescue of Jews from occupied countries was indicated here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, upon leaving for London. His trip, which follows his return from Cairo, is connected chiefly with rescue plans.

The postponement of the elections for the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, was officially announced here today by the Jewish National Council. The elections will be held on August 1. The postponement was caused by technical reasons.

JEWISH PARTISANS RAID VILNA; BLOW UP POWER STATION; JEWISH COSSACKS LAUDED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, June 27. (JTA) -- Information reaching here today from partisan units behind the German lines discloses that members of a Jewish guerrilla unit recently broke into German-held Vilna, blew up the power station, and left the city in darkness for six days.

The same unit, which is composed of Jews who escaped from Vilna prior to the Nazi extermination of the Jewish population there, was reported here today to have carried out a number of other important operations recently, derailing trains on the Vilna-Sarny line carrying German soldiers, officers and ammunition and destroying German communication lines by felling telegraph poles. The unit, whose commander Itzik Wittenberg from Vilna, was killed last July, is now led by a 25-year-old Jewish student of the Vilna Academy of Art whose name is not disclosed for security reasons. The unit has many Jewish girls in its ranks who have participated in raids on German garrisons in neighboring villages.

Moscow newspapers, in articles from the front describing Cossack attacks on the battlefield, reveal that the Cossack units have many Jewish officers. Among the heroes who have distinguished themselves in the various encounters between the Cossack troops and the Germans, are Squadron Commander Joseph Ryabochinsky, who was killed leading his men in a successful assault on a strongly-defended enemy village; Capt. Samuel Fronkel, who participated in the battle for the historic Dubno fortress; and Lieut. Hirsch Fastikovsky whose tank unit accounted for four German "Ferdinand" tanks and 100 men in a recent battle.

Germans Execute All Jews of Ukrainian Town on Charge of "Ritual Murder"

MOSCOW, June 27. (JTA) -- The murder of a Red Armyman by the Germans in the small town of Medvin in the Ukraine paved the way for a charge of "ritual murder" against all the Jews of the city and their execution by the Nazis, the commissar of a partisan detachment reported here today.

In the spring of 1942, a large group of Red Army prisoners passed through Medvin under German guard. One of the prisoners was stabbed to death and his body thrown into a cellar. Several days later the Gestapo "discovered" the body and spread the word that "the Jews were killing Christians for ritual purposes." Although the population ignored the bait, the Germans staged a trial of all the Jews, comprising about 80 families, and sentenced them to death. Prior to executing their victims, the Nazis flogged them with rubber clubs and hanged them by their feet.

Only one Jew escaped. He was hidden for two years in the home of a peasant, who risked her life to shelter him. When the Red Army recaptured Medvin, this lone survivor joined the Russian troops and is now fighting at the front, the partisan commander's report reveals.

AMERICAN AND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESSES DECIDE TO LAUNCH \$1,500,000 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today announced a decision of its administrative committee to launch a fund-raising campaign for \$1,500,000 for the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Congress.

"The funds will be used in fighting domestic fascism and all forms of anti-Jewish discrimination at home, and in expanding rescue activities and post-war Jewish rehabilitation abroad," the announcement said.

It also stated that an all-day session of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress unanimously voted to continue the organization's support of the American Jewish Conference, urging that its influence be extended and its scope broadened, "so that it may become the authoritative body representing the Jews of America for the purpose of dealing with the common problem of Jews both at home and abroad."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, speaking on the recommendation to have the scope of the American Jewish Conference extended, told the session that shortly before Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939 he had informed the General Jewish Council that the American Jewish Congress was prepared, if other organizations would follow suit, to merge itself into an all-inclusive and united representative body of American Jewry. "The Congress," Rabbi Wise added, "still maintains the same attitude and is prepared to make the American Jewish Conference the truly representative and authoritative spokesman of American Jewry."

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION CALLS OFF CONVENTION AS AID TO WAR EFFORT

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- The national summer leadership training institute and 21st national convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith youth organization, scheduled to have been held on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., July 12th to 26th, has been cancelled in compliance with the request of the Office of Defense Transportation to make all possible transportation facilities available for increased military needs due to the invasion, it was announced here today by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the Supreme Advisory Council of A.Z.A. This is the second successive year that A.Z.A. has called off its national convention as a war measure.

CONFERENCE OF LITHUANIAN JEWS DECIDES TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR RELIEF WORK

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- A fund of \$500,000 to aid Jewish refugees from Lithuania scattered throughout the world will be raised here, it was decided yesterday at a conference of the Federation of Lithuanian Jews held at Hotel Piccadilly. About 100 delegates representing various groups of Lithuanian Jews in the country attended the conference.

It was estimated by speakers at the gathering that about 10,000 Lithuanian Jews are now in Russia. The majority of them are in Turkestan and are in need of immediate relief. Some of them have received food packages through the Joint Distribution Committee. About 8,000 packages were also sent to Lithuanian Jews in Russia by the Federation of Lithuanian Jews in Palestine.

RABBI ELIEZER SILVER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE AGUDAS ISRAEL OF AMERICA

FERNDAL, N. Y., June 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati was re-elected president of the Agudas Israel Organization of America at the national convention of the organization.