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FRENCH COMMISSIONER SUSPENDS ALL ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN NORMANDY

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The suspension throughout Normandy of all anti-Jewish laws and regulations issued by the Vichy regime was announced today by Radio France at Algiers.

The announcement said that Francois Coulet, Commissioner of the French Committee of National Liberation, who represents Gen. De Gaulle in Normandy, has issued an order stating, "All constitutional acts, all orders containing discrimination against Jews, all orders concerning secret societies, all decrees which inaugurated special jurisdiction, or established competence or procedure of such jurisdiction are suspended."

TUNISIAN COURT INVALIDATES SALES OF JEWISH PROPERTY MADE UNDER COMPUSSION

ALGIERS, July 7. (JTA) -- A verdict which may have far-reaching consequences on the restoration of Jewish property in North Africa was issued yesterday by the Court of Appeals in Tunisia in the case of a Jew who claimed that he was compelled to sell his property because of the anti-Jewish laws which were introduced in North Africa prior to the Allied landings there.

The court ruled that sales of Jewish property made under compulsion of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws are to be considered invalid. The court emphasized that judges in lower courts can declare such sales invalid.

The belief was expressed today in official judicial circles in Algiers that the decision of the Tunisian court will have an effect on the Judicial Committee in Algeria which is now working on a program of restoring to Jewish owners the property which they sold under compulsion of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws. There is no doubt that the verdict issued by the Tunisian court will make the task of the Judicial Committee in Algiers easier and will facilitate matters for Jews in Algeria who demand the return of their property which they were forced to sell when the anti-Jewish laws were announced.

A prominent official of the Algerian court system told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "the verdict of the Tunisian Court of Appeals will, no doubt, serve as a precedent. It is the first verdict issued by any court regarding the question of compulsory sales of Jewish property. There is unanimous agreement among officials of the Algerian court system that the Tunisian verdict will facilitate settlement of similar cases in Algeria. It is worthwhile noticing that the Tunisian Court of Appeals emphasized that all courts in Tunisia are empowered to invalidate compulsory sales of Jewish property and reinstate the owners to their former status."

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBIS MAY GO TO ROME TO CONFER WITH POPE ON FATE OF HUNGARIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The two Chief Rabbis of Palestine, Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel, may go to the Vatican to see the Pope and seek his intervention for the remnants of the Jews in Hungary and the rest of occupied Europe, it was learned here today.

DEPORTATION OF ALL JEWS FROM HUNGARY BY JULY 15 IS FEARED BY KING OF SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, July 7. (JTA) -- The appeal made by King Gustav of Sweden to Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, to prevent further extermination of Hungarian Jews was the result of information received here that the Germans are making preparations to have all Jews of Hungary deported from the country by July 15, it is revealed today in the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter.

This disclosure is made by Prof. Hugo Valentin of Upsala University. He also reveals that during the German-Hungarian negotiations preceeding Germany's occupation of Hungary, Hitler declared that he would not allow any compromise on the treatment of Hungarian Jews.

"There is reason for extreme pessimism regarding the fate of the Jews in Hungary," Prof. Valentin writes. "Theirs is no longer a question of persecution and deportation, but only of mass-murder."

The Swedish newspapers today report that the 11,000 Jews whom the Nazis hurriedly removed from the Pivinsk ghetto "to an unknown destination," had all been deported from Central European countries to Latvia for forced labor.

JEWS TO BE EXCHANGED FOR GERMANS ARE PALESTINIANS AND HOLDERS OF PALESTINE VISAS

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The exchange of 282 Jews interned in Germany for 111 Germans interned by the Allies in the Middle East may take place in Istanbul during this week-end, Jewish organizations here were advised today.

The group of Jews which is en route from German concentration camps to Istanbul is composed of Palestine residents who were stranded in Germany and German-occupied countries and of holders of Palestine immigration certificates, it was reported here today. They have been interned in the "Jewish camps" which the Nazis established in Westerbork and in Belsenbergen.

During two previous exchanges of Nazi-interned Jews for Allied-interned Germans, the number of Germans released in exchange for Palestinians was larger than the number of Jews released by the Germans. The Allies have been pressing for the balance. This explains why the number of Jews to be exchanged now is larger than the number of Germans.

200 WITNESSES TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION INQUIRING INTO ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The inquiry commission appointed by the Polish National Council to study the causes of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army will examine about 200 witnesses, including many generals, it was announced here today.

The announcement said that the commission has already started its investigation among the Polish troops stationed in Scotland. The inquiry is expected to last about a month. The first witnesses to be called will be the twenty-one Jewish soldiers who left the Polish Army because of anti-Semitism and sought to join the British forces. They are now back in their units after the amnesty granted to them by President Rakiewicz following their conviction by a Polish court-martial on charges of "desertion."

BRITISH COMMANDER COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE OF PALESTINE JEW TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The death sentence imposed by a military court on Ephias Shmulevitz, 24, a member of the outlawed terrorist Stern Group, has been commuted to life imprisonment by the General Officer Commanding British troops in Palestine, it was announced today.

Shmulevitz, who carried on his activities under the alias of Raphael Birnbaum, was convicted of illegal possession of a revolver, several rounds of ammunition and a hand grenade, and of firing upon British police. The death sentence was imposed under the emergency defense regulations re-introduced following the outbreak of terror here in March.

The only other Jew to be sentenced to death by a military court in Palestine since Britain assumed the mandate was Shlomo Ben Josef, 25, who was hanged on June 29, 1938 for firing on an Arab bus during the period of Arab-Jewish disturbances. A Jewish constable, Mordechai Schwartz, was hanged on April 16, 1938, after being convicted in civil court of killing an Arab policeman, but personal rather political issues were involved in his case.

POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA RAISE FUND TO COMMEMORATE HEROES OF WARSAW GHETTO

MOSCOW, July 7. (JTA) -- Polish Jews in Tadzikistan, Soviet Asia, recently held two memorial meetings in the city of Proletarsk for the Jews who fell in the battle of the Warsaw ghetto and decided to commemorate these heroes by collecting a fund to build a Soviet tank unit named after them, it was reported here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

The heroic resistance of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto found wide response also among Russian Jews, the Committee said. The fund-raising campaign among the Polish Jews in Proletarsk has already resulted in the collection of 23,000 roubles, the report stated.

GERMANS REPORT DISLOCATION IN NEEDLE TRADES AS RESULT OF ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

ZURICH, July 7. (JTA) -- The annihilation of Jews in Poland by the Germans has resulted in grave dislocation in the textile industry and in clothing trades, Berlin newspapers reaching here today admit.

The papers report that the German authorities in Poland have found it necessary to establish special training courses to replace the Jewish artisans, especially in the needle trades.

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED AFTER JEWISH LABOR LEADER LAUNCHED IN MAINE

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine, July 7. (JTA) -- A Liberty Ship bearing the name of B. Vladek, late Jewish labor leader and manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, was launched here today from the ways of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation. Representatives of various government departments and of Jewish labor organizations participated in the ceremony.