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NEUTRAL GOVERNMENTS HELPING HUNGARIAN JEWS BY GRANTING THEM CITIZENSHIP AND SECURITY

ZURICH, July 13. (JTA) -- Neutral governments interested in saving Hungarian Jews from being deported to extermination camps are permitting their diplomatic representatives in Budapest to issue passports to a limited number of these Jews, thus accepting them as citizens and offering them their protection, it is reported in Hungarian newspapers reaching here today.

"A number of Jews," the Budapest paper *Magyarsag* writes, "who only recently wore a yellow Star of David, are now seen on the streets of Budapest without any such insignia. They are conspicuous by their insolent behavior. These Jews have found a back door since certain neutral countries displayed readiness to grant them citizenship.

"We cannot raise any objection to this procedure," the paper continues. "But we consider the action of the neutral governments as an unfriendly act and as sabotage of our Hungarian laws." In retaliation against the Jews who secured neutral citizenship, the paper urges the Hungarian authorities to see to it that no labor permits are granted to them, since they fall into the category of aliens. "A proper check-up should be carried out to determine the sources of income of these Jews after they have been deprived of permits to earn a livelihood in Hungary," the article suggests.

Hungarian Anti-Semitic Leaders Invited to Germany

A number of leading Hungarian anti-Semites are now en route to Germany, invited to participate in a conference called by Col. Fleischauer, notorious Nazi Jew-baiter and head of the anti-Semitic World Service which the German government publishes in many languages for dissemination throughout the world.

The conference, which will be held in Erfurt, will be devoted to "tasks in connection with the struggle against the Jews," the Hungarian press reports. The Hungarian delegation includes a number of members of parliament and high officials connected with the Hungarian Institute on Jewish Questions.

Budapest newspapers also report the arrest of Kazmer Kallay, nephew of the former Hungarian Prime Minister. He is charged with smuggling Jews out of Hungary. Istvan Penzes, a prominent Hungarian, was also arrested on the charge that he helped Kallay. Penzes is the owner of a large estate, one part of which is on Hungarian soil and the other in Slovakia. The Jews are said to have crossed on his estate from Hungary to Slovakia.

The Budapest radio today announced that the Hungarian Minister of Interior has issued an order closing all shops of Jewish artisans who sell not only their own products, but also articles produced by other artisans. The order goes into effect immediately, the broadcast said.

Addressing a public meeting, Laszlo Baký, secretary of the Ministry of Interior, warned the Hungarian people that they should not expect immediate distribution of

confiscated Jewish property. "Jewish land and property," he said, "will be distributed only after the return of our fighters from the front, since they must be given preference."

Hungary Rejects Appeal of Archbishop of Canterbury

The Hungarian Telegraphic Agency today reported that "political circles in Budapest" are incensed over the appeal made by the Archbishop of Canterbury in behalf of the Jews of Hungary. "The British Archbishop should first preach humanitarianism in his own ranks and among the Allies rather than lament about a few hundred thousand Jews who have been interned because they are politically compromised," the Hungarian news agency adds.

The Hungarian newspaper *Magyarszo* reports that on July 11 tumultuous scenes took place in front of the pastoral offices in Budapest when thousands of Jews attempted to secure baptism. The rush was due to a rumor that any Jew baptised no later than July 11th would be exempt from the anti-Jewish laws.

Railwaymen in Hungary and Poland Urged to Save Jews by Sabotaging Transportation

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Railway workers in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia were urged today to prevent the deportation of Hungarian Jews to Polish death camps by sabotaging rail equipment being used to transport the Jews.

Broadcasting directly to central Europe, Paul Tofahrn, secretary of the Railwaymen's Branch of the International Federation of Transport Workers, urged the railwaymen to "save your unfortunate fellowmen from death in the extermination camps of Poland. Prevent and delay their transport. Help them to escape, hide them, and defend them by sabotage."

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN GEN. MIKHAILOVICH'S ARMY ISSUES APPEAL TO JEWS IN ALLIED LANDS

CAIRO, July 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish committee representing all Jews fighting in the ranks of Gen. Mikhailovich's Army in Yugoslavia today issued an appeal to Jewish organizations in England and the United States asking them to urge the Allies "to help us with arms and equipment, so that we could contribute the utmost in the struggle against the common enemy."

The committee emphasized that it will supply organizations in the Allied countries with data on Nazi crimes against Jews in occupied countries. "We shall also send information to Jews in England, America, Russia and other Allied countries on their relatives who succeeded in escaping death at the hands of the Germans and their servants," the appeal stated.

PAN-ARAB UNITY CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN CAIRO WITHIN A MONTH, SAYS EGYPTIAN PREMIER

CAIRO, July 13. (JTA) -- The long heralded pan-Arab unity conference which will consider the possibilities of establishing an Arab union will probably be held here late this month or early in August, Egyptian Premier Nahas Pasha today informed the Senate. Stressing that "the scheme of Arab union is receiving particular attention from the Egyptian Government, the premier disclosed that delegates from Iraq, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen are expected to attend the conference."

JEWISH WOMAN, DISGUISED AS RUSSIAN, WORKED IN GERMAN HEADQUARTERS IN MINSK

MINSK, July 13. (JTA) -- A 43-year-old Jewish teacher, who spent three years in German-held Minsk and the surrounding forests, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent today how she worked as a charwoman for five months in German headquarters, enabling her to pass on invaluable information to the partisan bands around the city.

The woman, red-haired Khassia Prusslina, an instructor in Russian history in the Minsk Medical Institute, spent fifteen months within the city of Minsk and 21 months with guerrilla bands on the outskirts. During this time her 11-year-old son was killed by the Germans and her brother was hanged.

On November 7, 1941, the 24th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution, the Nazis carried out the first of three large-scale pogroms in Minsk - pogroms which wiped out 119,000 Jews. In an attempt to save themselves from execution, Mrs. Prusslina and other people living in her house hid in the cellar. Since her son was too ill to be moved, she left him in her apartment, in the hope that the Germans would not molest a sick child.

When the Nazis entered her apartment, which was just above the cellar, she could hear her son crying out: "Mother, they are taking me away." But there was nothing she could do. To attempt to rescue the boy would have doomed all the persons who were hiding with her to certain death. She never saw her son again.

After participating in underground activities within the ghetto for several months, the Jewish teacher secured false identification documents stating that she was a Russian. With these she was able to obtain employment as a charwoman at German staff headquarters. After five months, however, the Germans were drawing their net closer around the Minsk underground organization, and in September, 1942, Mrs. Prusslina fled the city and joined a partisan group.

As a guerrilla, she worked as a nurse, a reconnaissance scout, and a reporter for the partisan newspaper. She engaged in these and other activities until the beginning of June, when the Red Army entered the city. One June 5, she returned to Minsk. Her career as a partisan was over. Now she is intent on participating in the rebuilding of the ruined Byelorussian capital.

ARAB CONVICTED OF STEALING RIFLES FROM BRITISH. SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS

JERUSALEM, July 13, (JTA) -- A member of an Arab company in a Palestine transport unit attached to the British Army was sentenced today to six years in prison for stealing ten rifles which he turned over to Arab civilians. The prisoner discussed in details the methods of stealing arms from the British forces.

His sentence was in sharp contrast to those meted out by military courts to Jews convicted of less serious breaches of the arms law. Jews have been sentenced to as much as 12 years imprisonment for possession of a single revolver and a few bullets. Leib Sirkin, who was convicted last October of selling rifles and ammunition stolen from the British, received a ten-year sentence, although the prosecution failed to prove conclusively that he ever had the arms in his possession.

JUNIOR HADASSAH RAISES \$100,600 FOR PALESTINE PROJECTS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, has raised \$100,600 for its social service, youth settlement and education projects in Palestine for the fiscal year ending June 30, it was announced today at the organization's headquarters here.

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED FOR BENJAMIN F. PEIXOTTO, EARLY B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- A Liberty ship now under construction at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard in Baltimore has been named after Benjamin Franklin Peixotto, president of the B'nai B'rith from 1863 to 1866 and U. S. Consul-General to Rumania from 1870 to 1876, it was reported here today. The name of Peixotto was assigned to this ship as a result of a Third War Loan bond campaign by Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Baltimore, which sold over \$8,000,000 worth of bonds.

Born in New York, Peixotto came to Cleveland in 1836 as a child, when his father, Dr. Daniel Levy Maduro Peixotto, was named president of the Willoughby Medical College. He later studied law in the office of Stephen A. Douglas and became a political associate of Douglas. He was political editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer in the late 1850s and supported Douglas for President, and was only 29 when he was elected president of B'nai B'rith in 1863.

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER NAMED WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- The appointment of Louis E. Spiegler as Washington representative of the World Jewish Congress was announced today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Spiegler a prominent member of the Bar of District of Columbia and the United States Supreme Court is a veteran of World War I, and from 1919 to 1926 was a member of the staff of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He is a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Council and the Jewish Social Service Agency of Washington.

For the last two years, Mr. Spiegler has been the Washington counsel for HIAS and represented that organization in all its contacts with the government, primarily with the Board of Immigration Appeals, Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee, Visa Division Department of State, Immigration and Naturalization Service, War Refugee Board, Foreign Funds Control. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School.

ORT GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TRAINING IN OVERSEAS WORK

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Following the recent completion by a group of students of a course "Training in International Administration," at Columbia University, sponsored by the ORT, the headquarters of the Ort Union here today announced that scholarships will again be granted by it to qualified students who may want to participate in the new ten-months course which Columbia will open in the Fall.

"The graduates will eventually be sent overseas to establish and supervise Ort institutions to rehabilitate the European Jews upon their liberation," the announcement said.

ORDER SONS OF ZION BECOMES "B'NAI ZION,"; WILL EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The Order Sons of Zion, a Zionist fraternal group, announced today that henceforth it will be known as the "B'nai Zion." At a press conference, Louis Lipsky, president of the organization, announced that in the future the group will not restrict itself to fraternal work but will engage in Zionist political and cultural activities.