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ALLIES GRADUALLY RESTORING RIGHTS TO JEWS OF ITALY; RE-INSTALL PHONES IN ROME

ROME, July 17. (JTA) -- Allied authorities in the liberated sections of Italy are gradually restoring to the Jews of Rome the rights which were taken from them either during the nine months the Germans held the city or during the Mussolini regime.

Today telephone employees began re-installing phones in the homes of 800 Jews who were barred from possessing telephones under an order issued by the Germans in January. For two years previous to that the Jews were permitted to retain their phones but were not listed in the directory.

PALESTINE ARAB PARTY DEMANDS BRITAIN WITHDRAW PLEDGE OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- An outright demand for cancellation by Britain of its pledge to establish a Jewish National Home in Palestine, which is contained in the Balfour Declaration, is made today in a manifesto issued by the Palestine Arab Party.

The manifesto also calls for the establishment of an Arab Government of Palestine and the affiliation of an independent Palestine state with the projected Arab confederation, plans for which are expected to be discussed in Cairo late this month or early in August when representatives of all Arab states meet there.

In this connection, it is reported today that Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, Palestine Arab extremist leader, is expected to leave for Cairo shortly. It is not known whether his visit has any political significance, although he plans to remain there for a month, which would cover the period during which the pan-Arab Congress is to be held. Palestine will not be represented at the conference since the various Arab parties here have been unable to agree on a unified delegation.

The usually well-informed Arab news magazine *Alkhersaa* writes that Iraq would welcome Jewish settlement in Mesopotamia provided Syria and Lebanon form an integrated state. Transjordan might also consider admitting Jewish immigrants, the publication says.

GERMANS ARREST LEADING HUNGARIAN JEWISH INDUSTRIALIST, SEND HIM TO CONCENTRATION CAMP

ZURICH, July 17. (JTA) -- Baron Andreas Hatvany, "a big Jewish industrialist" has been arrested by the Germans in Hungary and sent to a concentration camp, the Nazi transcontinent Press reports today.

Baron Hatvany, who headed important sugar refining and allied interests, disappeared in the middle of March and the police have been searching for him ever since, the transcontinent dispatch said. He is charged with failure to register his property.

The Hatvany family, whose original name was Deutsch, has been prominent in Hungarian industrial, political and artistic life since the middle of the 19th century.

(The Office of War Information in Washington reports that Baron Hatvany has two sisters living in the United States. They are Lily Hatvany, a playwright and novelist, who is now in Hollywood, and Antonia Hatvany, a writer on political affairs, who resides in New York.)

Meanwhile, Hungarian officials, obviously uneasy about the accounts of the persecution of Hungarian Jews appearing in the press abroad, continue to absolve themselves of all responsibility. Bela Imredi, former premier who resigned because it was discovered he had Jewish ancestors, but who is now an official of the pro-Nazi Sztojay government, declared today, according to the Hungarian radio, that "contrary to rumors abroad not a single drop of Jewish blood has soiled the hands of the authorities." Imredi failed, however, to make any reference to the reports of deportations of hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews to Polish death camps.

Archbishop of York Denounces Massacre of Hungarian Jews

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- A vigorous denunciation of the persecution of Jews by the Germans and pro-Nazi Hungarian government was voiced today by the Archbishop of York. "As I speak trainloads of unhappy Jews are crossing the Hungarian frontier to meet their deaths by machineguns and gas chambers," the Archbishop said, adding that "these crimes are committed by foul wicked men who are governing a totalitarian state which is now beginning to totter."

The London press today comments editorially on the massacre of the Jews, with most of the papers stressing that vigorous punitive action must be taken in place of mere statements of sympathy or protest. The Daily Mail says that speaking of postwar punishment of war criminals in general terms is insufficient. The Allied authorities, it states, should list the names of persons guilty of war crimes and specify what their punishment will be.

The Daily Telegraph asserts that "the failure of the judges to inflict condign punishment on the Germans who ordered and carried out the frightfulness of the last war is one of the main reasons of the infliction of worse horrors in these terrible years. Mankind," it concludes, "cannot afford to let the guilty escape this time."

The News Chronicle advocates that in the future any country which seeks to introduce racial and religious discrimination should be treated as an active disturber of the peace. It also urges that "inexorable punishment" be devised for persons expressing racial and religious minorities.

AMERICAN MEMBERS OF ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE DEMAND GREATER ROLE IN ZIONIST DECISIONS

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- Several American members of the Zionist Actions Committee have indicated that they feel they are not participating efficiently in affairs of leading Zionist bodies, it is learned today.

The American Zionists have sent a memorandum to the Small Zionist Actions Committee and to the Zionist executive demanding full information concerning the deliberations and decisions of these bodies, and the right to play an active role in making such decisions.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO ERECT SHRINE HONORING HEROES OF ALL RELIGIONS

CHICAGO, July 17. (JTA) -- Plans for the erection of a shrine at Washington symbolizing the contributions to America of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish heroes, moved a step nearer realization today when United States Senator Scott W. Lucas announced that he would present a resolution in the United States Senate sponsoring the project.

Senator Lucas' announcement was contained in a letter replying to a request by Barnett Hodes, Corporation Counsel and Co-Chairman of the Patriotic Foundation of Chicago. In his reply, Sen. Lucas declared that he would present a resolution in the United States Senate authorizing the creation of a special commission to select a site for the proposed shrine and to make other arrangements necessary in connection with the project.

TWELVE YEAR SENTENCE IMPOSED ON PALESTINE JEWISH TERRORIST CONFIRMED

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- The General Officer Commanding British troops in Palestine today confirmed the 12-year sentence imposed by a military court on David Meiri for illegal possession of a home-made bomb, a revolver and several rounds of ammunition. Meiri, who admitted he was a member of the outlawed Jewish terrorist Stern Gang, refused a lawyer charging that the court's action was illegal since captured members of the Stern Gang should be treated as prisoners of war.

MIZRACHI IN WAR BOND DRIVE TO NAME HOSPITAL SHIP AFTER PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI

NEW YORK, July 17. (JTA) -- A total of \$250,000 in war bonds has been sold in the drive to sell \$1,000,000 worth of bonds to be used to construct a United States Army hospital ship which will be named after Chief Rabbi Isaac H. Herzog of Palestine, it was announced today by the Mizrahi Women's Organization which is sponsoring the drive. The men's Mizrahi Organization has pledged itself to sell an additional \$2,000,000 worth of bonds in order to raise the \$3,000,000 required for construction of the mercy vessel.

PALESTINE'S COOPERATIVES BEST IN ALL BRITISH DEPENDENCIES, SAYS REPORT

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- Palestine's cooperative associations are described as the "best developed cooperative movement in the British dependencies" in a report on the development of the cooperative movement in British colonies and dependencies issued by the colonial bureau of the Fabian Society.

In a special chapter devoted to Palestine, the report describes in detail the development of agricultural, producers, marketing, wholesale, consumer, industrial and housing cooperatives. The report recommends governmental and international assistance for the colonial cooperative movement.

JEWISH CHILDREN FROM MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA BROUGHT TO PALESTINE BY YOUTH ALYIAH

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- An indication of how the Youth Alyiah organization spread its activities to many new countries is given in a list of the countries of origin of 36 children who arrived here last week. Four of them come from Greece, eight from Benghazi, in Libya, nine from Syria and 15 from Turkey.