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5,000 JEWISH CHILDREN MAY SOON BE EVACUATED FROM FRANCE

CAIRO, July 19. (JTA) -- Five-thousand Jewish orphans will soon be allowed to leave France, it was reported here today by United States Minister Pinckney Tuck, who was formerly American charge d'affaires at Vichy.

Speaking to a delegation of the New Zionist Organization, Tuck said that information reaching him from Geneva disclosed that Swiss authorities who are attempting to arrange the evacuation of the children have "almost reached their goal." Negotiations for emigration of the children were initiated by the United States but were broken off after the rupture of relations with Vichy and the Swiss took over.

At one time the U.S. had agreed to admit several thousand of the young refugees, and American relief organizations had even sent representatives to Europe to arrange transportation for them, but at the last minute the Germans stepped in and refused to permit the children to emigrate.

War Refugee Board Uninformed Concerning Emigration of Children

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- The War Refugee Board, informed today that Pinckney Tuck, U. S. Minister in Cairo, had announced that 5,000 Jewish children may be removed from France shortly, stated that it had no knowledge of the projected evacuation.

REPORTED GERMANS WILLING TO EXCHANGE HUNGARIAN JEWS FOR SUPPLIES

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- A prominent Hungarian Jew is now in the Middle East for the purpose of conveying to the Allies a German offer to release the estimated 100,000 Jews remaining in Hungary in exchange for non-military supplies. It is reported here today. It is understood that Britain has notified Russia of the German proposals, but that no decision has been reached as yet.

At the same time, liberal circles here are demanding that Britain and the United States act to save the Jews of Hungary by, first, bombing the extermination camps of Oswiecim and Birkenau in Poland, and, second, by conferring citizenship on the Hungarian Jews. It was reported last week that certain neutral countries have already issued passports to some Hungarian Jews enabling them to avoid deportation.

Today's reports came in the wake of an announcement by the International Red Cross in Berne that it has been informed by Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, that there will be no further deportations of Jews and that he will permit the Red Cross to evacuate all Jewish children and also all adults who possess Palestine visas. The announcement added that the Red Cross had succeeded in obtaining unrestricted transit through Axis-controlled countries for all such refugees.

VISCOUNT GORT NAMED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE; FORMER CHIEF OF IMPERIAL STAFF

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office announced today that Field Marshal Viscount Gort has been appointed High Commissioner for Palestine and Trans-Jordan, succeeding Sir Harold MacMichael. He is governor and commander-in-chief in Malta.

Viscount Gort, who becomes the sixth High Commissioner since Britain assumed the mandate over Palestine, was Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the outbreak of the war and later commanded British troops in France until Dunkerque. He was governor of Gibraltar before being sent to Malta. As chief of the general staff he visited Palestine during the Arab riots in the winter of 1939.

MacMichael became High Commissioner in February 1938 and his term of office was to have expired in 1943, but was extended twice. Before succeeding Sir Arthur Chichester as High Commissioner, he was governor of Tanganyika Territory.

Irgun Admits It Bombed Jerusalem Police Headquarters

TEL AVIV, July 19. (JTA) -- The Irgun Zvai Leumi, outlawed Jewish terrorist organization, posted placards throughout the city during the night assuming responsibility for the bombing of Jerusalem district police headquarters on Friday, in which one policeman was killed and several seriously injured.

The posters charged that the police were torturing captured terrorists and said that the bombings and other terroristic activities will continue until the Palestine Government surrenders control of immigration to the Jews.

Police headquarters in Jerusalem announced today that many arrests have been made in connection with Friday's bombing, but the announcement did not give any further details.

VEHICLES ON TRIAL IN NORTH AFRICA CHARGED WITH DEATH OF JEWISH PHYSICIAN

ALGIERS, July 19. (JTA) -- The mistreatment of interned Jews in the concentration camps established by the Vichy Government in North Africa was described here today at the opening of the trial of the administrators of Camp Djenian at Bou-Regz.

The chief accusation against the camp director and guards is that they caused the death of a 51-year-old Jewish physician named Chauvat, former president of the League for Human Rights in Algeria. Although he was ill when he arrived at the camp, Chauvat was compelled to work on the camp farm. Witnesses testified that due to overwork and exposure in inclement weather the prisoner contracted pneumonia, but was not permitted to quit work. Eventually he contracted typhus and died at the camp on June 12, 1942.

COMMISSION INVESTIGATING ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY COMPLETES PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- The commission appointed by the Polish National Council to investigate the reasons for Jewish soldiers leaving the Polish Army has completed preliminary inquiries in Scotland, where most of the Polish troops are quartered, it was learned today.

Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, one of the members of the commission, revealed that the group heard testimony of Jewish and non-Jewish soldiers from July 4 to 13. The members of the commission also were enabled to speak with the army commanders. Schwarzbart said that he could not divulge the results of the preliminary investigations at present.

LARGE JEWISH GUERRILLA DETACHMENT OPERATING BEHIND GERMAN LINES IN POLAND

MOSCOW, July 19. (JTA) -- Deep in the forests of the Lublin region of Poland a well-armed Jewish partisan detachment composed of 1,000 men is harrasing the fear of the Nazi army, incoordination with the frontal assaults by the rapidly advancing Red Army troops, according to information received here by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

The guerrillas possess a secret radio station, from which they call upon the Jews of Poland to escape and join them "while there is still time," and a considerable number of trucks and horses. In the past year-and-a-half they have carried out thirty large-scale operations against the Germans in addition to constant "nuisance raids" on Nazi garrisons and installations. The partisans are also sheltering more than 1,000 Jewish refugee women, children and old men who are hiding from the occupation forces.

The detachment is led by a former anti-aircraft gunner in the Polish Army named Kruk. In response to his radio appeals young Jews from miles around have escaped to the forests to join him. Kruk was captured by the Germans during the invasion of Poland, but succeeded in escaping and joining the "Peoples Guards," which is one of the chief resistance groups in Poland. Recently the Jewish guerrillas were incorporated as a special unit of the "Peoples Guards."

POPE USES HEBREW TO BLESS PALESTINE JEWISH SOLDIER IN ITALY

TEL AVIV, July 19. (JTA) -- The story of how the Pope blessed a Jewish soldier in Hebrew was told in a letter which arrived here today from the front in Italy.

Visiting troops, the Pope asked the soldier where he was from. When the soldier replied that his home was Palestine, the Pope raised his hand and greeted him with the words: "Yevorechacha adonai voishmerecha" -- the traditional Hebrew blessing from the Old Testament (Numerals VI 24-6) meaning: "May God bless you and keep you."

BERGSON ASKS UNITED NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE "HEBREW NATION" AS CO-BELLIGERENT

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations were appealed to tonight to recognize the so called "Hebrew nation" as a "sovereign entity" with the full right of co-belligerent, in an address by Peter H. Bergson, head of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation.

Mr. Bergson also asked that the Allies use poison gas against the Germans in retaliation for the gassing of hundreds of thousands of Jews in concentration camps in Poland. He attacked the British White Paper policy in Palestine and urged that refugee shelters be established there as havens for all Jews who can flee occupied Europe.

ARGENTINE JEWS CONTRIBUTE \$15,000 FOR RESCUE OF JEWS IN BALKANS

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Emphasizing their keen desire to participate in the task of rescuing Jews from Europe, the Council of Jewish Aid to War Victims in Buenos Aires has forwarded \$15,000 to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, as announced here today. This contribution follows upon the heels of an earlier contribution also of \$15,000, recently announced. The total of \$30,000 has been earmarked for the J.D.C.'s program of rescue from the Balkans to Palestine, via Turkey.