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MUSSOLINI'S RACIAL OFFICE LIQUIDATED IN ROME; REINSTATEMENT OF JEWISH TEACHERS ORDERED

ROME, August 1. (JTA) -- A decree ordering the reinstatement of Jewish teachers and other employees of the educational system in Italy who were dismissed from their posts under Mussolini's anti-Jewish laws was issued here today by the Italian Minister of Public Instruction. The order is effective as of the date of liberation of the territory in which the dismissed personnel reside.

Earlier this week the Italian Minister of the Interior issued an order liquidating the Racial Office which enforced the fascist anti-Jewish laws in Italy. The Rome headquarters of the office have been converted into an office for Count Carlo Sforza, High Commissioner for Sanctions Against Fascism.

In issuing the decree for the reinstatement of Jewish educators, the Italian Minister for Public Instruction condemned the racial laws. These laws, he said, have "most seriously offended our civilization and our true traditions." He stressed the necessity of removing the effects of this legislation as soon as possible.

Plans for a comprehensive program of relief and rehabilitation of Jews in Italy are presently being worked out by Arthur D. Greenleigh, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today. Mr. Greenleigh left today for Bari, in southern Italy, where many Jewish refugees are concentrated, after consultations with high Allied military officials, Red Cross officials and with the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees in Italy.

RUSSIAN ARMY'S APPROACH TO HUNGARIAN BORDER SPURS HUNGARIANS TO SHIELD JEWS

ZURICH, August 1. (JTA) -- Mass-arrests of Hungarians charged with shielding Jews and their property are reported today from Hungary in the Swiss newspaper Neue Züricher Zeitung.

Among those seized are many members of prominent Hungarian families. Countess Constanca Lubienksy, who was arrested last week on the charge of trying to save a Jewish girl-friend from the Budapest police, was sentenced to six months imprisonment to be followed by internment in a camp, the paper reports.

As the Russian Army advances closer to the Hungarian frontier, more and more Hungarians are displaying interest in the fate of the persecuted Jews in various parts of the country, and are trying to extend all possible assistance to them, the Swiss newspaper states. In one town 96 persons have been arrested during the last few days for giving such aid.

In Szombathely 21 persons were arrested for hiding Jewish property. Twenty persons were arrested in Győr for the same "crime." In Kosice the Hungarian authorities arrested a prominent Hungarian merchant, Emil Siklossy, charging him with acting as a "straw-man" for a Jewish wine dealer and with failure to inform the police of the wine stock valued at 300,000 pengoes which the authorities claim is "Jewish property."

BLOCKADE WILL BE EASED FOR NEUTRAL COUNTRIES ADMITTING JEWISH CHILDREN FROM HUNGARY

LONDON, August 1. (JTA) -- Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare, told the House of Commons today that both the British and American governments had assured neutral countries that additional supplies would be passed through the blockade if they allowed Hungarian Jewish children to enter. Both governments, he added, have offered to see that the supplies are forthcoming.

No word has been received yet from neutral countries on their willingness to receive Jewish children under ten years of age according to the plan advanced by Regent Nicholas Horthy of Hungary, the British official reported. He added, however, that certain countries, notably Switzerland and Sweden, had always been cooperative in the past.

The Horthy government, Foot said, had been informed through the Red Cross that the British are anxious to do everything possible to see that the children are rescued as soon as possible. He said that the failure of previous schemes of this nature had not been the fault of the neutrals, but had been due to the reluctance of the Nazis to release the children.

Sir John Hope Simpson, who conducted the Refugee Survey of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in 1938, and who, in 1930, issued an official report advocating the stoppage of Jewish immigration to Palestine, today urged that Britain and the United States throw their doors open to refugees from the continent. Such havens, rather than Palestine, will provide a solution for the refugee problem, Sir John says in a letter to the Times.

JEWISH SURVIVORS BEGINNING TO RETURN FROM HIDING PLACES TO TOWNS IN VILNA DISTRICT

MOSCOW, August 1. (JTA) -- Although virtually no Jews were found in Vilna and the surrounding townships when the Red Army first entered the region, hundreds of Jews who formerly dwelt there are beginning to return from the forests in which they hid to escape destruction by the Germans. These are mainly young able-bodied persons who fled to the woods and joined partisan bands.

More than 1,000 persons have already returned to the town of Glubokoye in the Vilna district and reports reaching here express the hope that there may be others still in the forests. Most of the Jews of Glubokoye were massacred in 1941 and the others were crowded into a ghetto which was burned down by Elite Guard troops in August of last year. The Jews who are returning now are those who through the aid of non-Jewish friends were able to flee the holocaust.

In Vilna proper, the new head of the municipal economy department is a Jewish youth named Simonovich who led a band of 300 Jewish partisans named "The Avengers." The ranks of the "Avengers" were filled with Jews who had escaped from the ghetto, some who had fled while being led to execution and a few who had been left for dead by the Nazis after a mass execution. In addition to the "Avengers" there were two other Jewish guerrilla bands operating around Vilna.

Many young girls fought with the partisans. Typical are Sonya Burstein, Fanya Varshavchik and a young woman who gave her name as "Betty." Betty told a correspondent that she had killed six Germans and that other members of the band had each killed dozens.

ALLIES URGED TO ACT TO SAVE JEWS WITH SOUTH AMERICAN PASSPORTS IN NAZI CAMPS

LONDON, August 1. (JTA) -- Urgent action by the Allied countries to save several hundred Jewish refugees possessing either South American citizenship certificates or Palestine visas was urged today by a British internee who arrived in Lisbon this week from Germany in the transport of British citizens being exchanged for German nationals.

This informant, who was confined together with the refugees in the Vittel camp in France, said that they were deported to Poland during April, May, and July of this year following failure by the South American countries to recognize their citizenship certificates and alleged failure by Britain to ratify the Palestine visas held by some of the internees.

The arriving internee disclosed that although information finally arrived to the effect that both the South American certificates and the Palestine visas would be honored, the camp commandant continued with the deportations. It is believed that the deportees are now confined in "Jewish extermination camps" in Birkenau, Oswiecim, Sosnowitz, Kattowitz, Frodorf, Innsbruck and others, and are in danger of execution unless the Allies can prevail upon the Germans to allow the Red Cross to assume jurisdiction over them.

The British internees in Lisbon confirm the report that many of the refugees committed suicide when they learned they would not be exchanged. Among them was Mrs. Tamara Schorr, widow of former Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr of Warsaw. In the group of 281 Jews who arrived in Palestine early last month were some who had been interned at Vittel and had witnessed the deportations.

ARABS CONCERNED OVER SUPPORT BY AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES OF ZIONIST DEMANDS

CAIRO, August 1. (JTA) -- Leading Arab circles in Egypt are concerned at the fact that both the Republican and the Democratic parties in the United States have emphatically expressed themselves in favor of the Zionist demands for Palestine.

The actions of the American political parties have "brutally blasted" Arab hopes, says an article today in the leading Cairo newspaper Al Ahram. The article, specially featured, says that Jews in America have succeeded in mustering all possible forces behind Zionist aspirations. "The Democrats and the Republicans in the United States are now competing with each other in proclaiming their support for Zionism," the paper states.

The Iraqi Legation in Cairo today issued a formal denial of the report published in Egyptian newspapers that a United States of Arabia in which Iraq would be merged with Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan was being contemplated. The original report said that Iraq was behind a project of establishing one state all the way from Baghdad to Beirut.

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO MARK GRAVES OF FALLEN JEWISH SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, August 1. (JTA) -- The War Department, cooperating with the Jewish Welfare Board in the registration of graves of American Jewish servicemen fallen on the battlefields, issued instructions to Commanding Officers of all theatres of war, overseas bases and defense commands, directing them to assign a Jewish chaplain in their several commands to visit the various cemeteries, to check with the Graves Registration Officer to the end that a Jewish marker is placed on every Jewish grave, and to conduct Jewish memorial services. Frank L. Weil, president of the JWB reported today.

BRITISH HIGH COURT ACCEPTS APPEAL OF PALESTINE JEW CONVICTED IN ARMS TRIAL

LONDON, August 1. (JTA) -- The judicial committee of the Privy Council, the British Empire's last court of appeals, today agreed to hear an appeal by Leib Sirkin, who was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in Palestine last September for illegal possession of arms and arms smuggling.

Sirkin is basing his appeal on the grounds that the offense of which he was convicted is "unknown to Palestine law." Lord Simon, who presided at the hearings, said that the Judicial Committee was not concerned with questions of fact but only with questions of law.

As a result of the committee's decision Sirkin's solicitors are expected to file an appeal shortly. Sirkin was represented by the well known liberal barrister D. H. Pritt, who is a Laborite member of Parliament, and by Leonard Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

DR. FILDERMAN INTERVENES WITH RUMANIAN PREMIER FOR RESCUE OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY

NEW YORK, August 1. (JTA) -- Dr. William Filderman, president of the Jewish Community in Bucharest, has intervened with the pro-Nazi Rumanian Government for the admission of Jews from Hungary to Rumania in transit to Palestine on neutral ships leaving the Rumanian port of Constanza, the office of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association in Lisbon today informed its headquarters in New York.

Inquiries by the Hias-Ica office in Lisbon with regard to the fate of Dr. Filderman, elicited a reply that "Dr. Filderman, president of the Jewish community in Bucharest, is in good health and, together with other Jewish leaders, recently interviewed the Rumanian Premier Antonescu regarding the evacuation through Rumania of Jews from Hungary and elsewhere."

The same report said that it is hoped that Ronneti Filderman, son of the Jewish leader, who was deported from southern France to an unknown destination, may soon be permitted to join his parents. "Negotiations are under way to this end," it added.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AWARDED HIGHEST CITATION FOR RAISING \$65,000,000 IN WAR BONDS

WASHINGTON, August 1. (JTA) -- The highest U. S. Treasury citation "for distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program" was awarded yesterday to the Zionist Organization of America at a special ceremony held in the National Zionist headquarters here, with outstanding Zionist leaders in attendance.

A total of \$65,000,000 in War Bonds within one month of its current campaign has been raised by the Zionist Organization of America, which is claimed to be the largest sum raised by any single Jewish organization in the country for a similar period. The presentation of the award was made by Mr. William C. FitzGibbon, special assistant to the U. S. Secretary of the Treasury. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the ZOA, in accepting the award announced that 12,000 members of the organization are serving in the U. S. armed forces, adding that "there is no part of the war effort in which American Zionists have not participated to the fullest of their ability."