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GERMANY OBSTRUCTS EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY TO SWEDEN; REFUSES TRANSIT VISAS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Swedish radio today reported that Germany refuses to issue transit visas to Jews leaving Hungary for Sweden with the permission of the Hungarian authorities. Of approximately 500 Jews eligible to leave Budapest for Sweden under the terms announced recently by Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, only two have been given transit visas by the Germans, the Swedish broadcast said.

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is continuing its efforts to secure more transit permits from the German authorities, the broadcast said. It reported that during the first week of August in Budapest a census of non-Jews living in buildings marked with a yellow star was taken, indicating that Jews still reside in these buildings.

Hungarian newspapers reaching here today report that the police in Budapest have for the first time recruited Jewish boys for air raid rescue work. Jewish women are also being accepted now for this work. They are sent back to their ghettos before the curfew hour arrives. Allied planes according to the Hungarian papers continue to drop leaflets over Hungary warning the population against participating in anti-Jewish atrocities.

JEWS WILL NO LONGER BE DEPORTED FROM SLOVAKIA "IF THEY WILL BEHAVE," MINISTER ANNOUNCES

ZURICH, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Vice-Premier Sano Mach of Slovakia announced today in Bratislava that Jews will no longer be deported from Slovakia, providing they don't make this measure necessary by their behavior.

The Jews in Slovakia, the Vice-Premier said, will henceforth be held in camps within the country and some will be permitted to practice their professions. "They will be carefully watched," he added, addressing a press conference.

A special tax on Jews will be levied "in order to compensate victims of Allied air raids," the pro-Nazi member of the Slovakian cabinet stated. No such tax will be imposed upon Czechs in Slovakia, he said because "this would be contradictory to legal and moral principles, and would mean that we are discriminating against a part of our population."

THREE HUNDRED JEWISH YOUNGSTERS RETURN TO VILNA AFTER FIGHTING AS PARTISANS

MOSCOW, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- About 300 Jewish young men and women who fled from Vilna during the German occupation and formed a partisan unit which won repute under the name of "The Avengers" are now back in Vilna as civilians adjusting themselves to normal life, it was reported today in the Moscow press.

Soviet correspondents visiting Vilna spoke to many of the Jewish youngsters and describe the heroism and ingenuity displayed by these partisans who harassed the German military for about three years in the vicinity of Vilna, blowing up bridges, trains and military warehouses.

U. S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS RED CROSS PROPOSAL TO ADMIT MORE JEWS FROM EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Official sources today refused to disclose whether the United States Government will act on the recommendation of the International Red Cross that more Jews from Europe be admitted to this country. The Red Cross made the recommendation in connection with Hungary's offer to permit Jewish emigration from Hungary. It is known, however, that the Red Cross plan is being given serious consideration by the government.

British sources in Washington today reported that Great Britain has accepted, but only in principle, the offer made recently by the Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy to permit the emigration of Jews.

Other recommendations made by the International Red Cross to the U. S. Government include the suggestion that the State Department present a suggestion to Latin American countries that they, too, permit a larger immigration of Jews from German-held Europe. The delegation of the International Red Cross in Washington today expressed fear that the "premature disclosure" of the nature of its recommendations might "jeopardize negotiations." A spokesman for the State Department declared today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had nothing to say about the matter at present. The War Refugee Board similarly refused for the time being to make any comment on the suggestions of the International Red Cross.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE SUBMITS DEMAND FOR POST-WAR JEWISH RIGHTS TO STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Promulgation of an International Bill of Rights and the establishment of national and international machinery to secure its enforcement were urged today by the American Jewish Conference, in a memorandum submitted to Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., in connection with the forthcoming Four Power Conference on Post-War and International Security.

The International Bill of Rights urged by the conference calls for "full and complete protection of life, liberty, freedom of worship, and civil rights for the inhabitants of all countries without distinction of birth, nationality, language, race or religion." It also demands unequivocal equality of rights in law and in fact for all the citizens of every country, and the inalienable right of all religious, ethnic and cultural groups to maintain and foster their respective group identities on the basis of equality..

The Committee which met with Mr. Stettinius included Hayim Greenberg of New York, co-chairman of the Post-War Commission of the Conference, Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg of Easton, Pa., Miss Jane Evans of Cincinnati, Ohio and Dr. A. S. Kohanski, secretary of the Commission.

JEWISH SOLDIERS WHO LEFT POLISH ARMY VOLUNTEER FOR WORK IN BRITISH COAL MINES

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Twenty-one Jewish soldiers of the Polish Army and three Jewish sailors of the Polish Navy who were granted amnesty by the Polish President after they left their units because of anti-Semitism, today volunteered to work as miners in the British coal mines.

Originally they sought to join the British forces, but were refused acceptance because of the existing British policy not to accept men serving in armies of other nations. The former Polish Jewish soldiers consider working in the coal mines as the best war work they can do against the common enemy.

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JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS RESCUE PROGRAM TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE SESSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA)--The World Jewish Congress announced today that it had instructed its London office to present the following eleven point program concerning Hungarian Jews to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees when it opens its session in London tomorrow.

1. That the governments of the United States and Great Britain proclaim that Jews surviving in occupied Europe are under their protection and all who abuse their physical safety will be held accountable as if American or British citizens were concerned.

2. That the International Red Cross issue a statement that it considers all Jews deprived of freedom of movement in occupied Europe to be civilian internees entitled to benefit, by analogy, of the 1929 Convention on prisoners of war.

3. That the International Red Cross and the Churches make every effort to obtain for the surviving Jews in occupied Europe the said status of civilian internees.

4. That the United States and Great Britain declare that territories under their administration are open to all Jews who can be rescued, and that they are responsible for the maintenance and for the postwar settlement of all Jews granted asylum in any European country.

5. That the neutral countries declare their doors open to Jews escaping from occupied Europe.

6. That the governments of the United States and Great Britain demand of Hungary through the protecting powers to repatriate her Jews already deported and to establish machinery for care and protection in Germany and Poland for the already deported Jews until their repatriation.

7. That the International Red Cross increase its representation in Hungary so that at least one permanent delegate will be established in every important center.

8. That the funds pledged by Great Britain and the United States for the relief work of the International Red Cross be put at the disposal of this organization so as to permit it to carry out its work in behalf of Hungarian Jews.

9. That said governments work out forthwith a program of implementation regarding the evacuation of Hungarian Jews especially children, special consideration being given to Palestine as a country of refuge and Turkey as a country of transit.

10. That the food program for civilian detainees agreed to by the said governments and the International Red Cross give proper attention to Jewish internment, labor and extermination camps.

11. That immediate measures be adopted to destroy the murder installations and facilities of the extermination camps.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS CURFEW ON GIVAT SHAUL IN SEARCH FOR TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Givat Shaul, the suburb of Jerusalem where, according to the police, some of the assailants who attempted to assassinate the retiring Palestine High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael disappeared, was placed under curfew today.

AUTOMATIC READMISSION OF EAST EUROPEAN JEWS TO LIBERATED FRANCE IS ASKED

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, which represents 500,000 organized Jewish workers in this country today submitted a memorandum to Secretary of State Cordell Hull asking for the complete restoration in liberated France of rights and property to East European Jews who lived there before June 1940.

(In Algiers, the Minister of Justice of the French Committee of National Liberation announced last night that all anti-Jewish laws issued by the Vichy regime will be annulled in the liberated parts of France and pre-war republican regulations will be applied there as conditions warrant.)

Mr. Held pointed out in his memorandum that of the approximately 300,000 Jews who resided in France before the war, only about 100,000 were French born. The remainder were immigrants, many of them un-naturalized. More than thirty thousand of them have served in the French armed forces during the war.

Estimating that 63,000 Jews have succeeded in escaping from German-dominated France and that tens of thousands have been deported by the Germans from various French cities to concentration camps in Poland, the memorandum appeals to the Secretary of State to intervene with the French authorities for the automatic readmission into France of all East European Jews who may like to return to their homes, as well as for the immediate return to these Jews of all the property confiscated from them under the Vichy anti-Jewish laws. In cases where the restoration of property is impossible, compensation should be arranged for the owners, the memorandum urges.

JEWS LEADERS IN ENGLAND FORM ORGANIZATION FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Council of the Central British Fund for German Jewry today announced its decision to change its name to the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation.

The Council will assist in the rehabilitation of European Jewry and will maintain close contact with other organizations engaged in the same work. The Council will launch an appeal for relief funds in October. Sir Anthony de Rothschild accepted its chairmanship, with Lord Samuel, honorary president. Other members of the Council include Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Lord Bearsted, Major Lionel Montagu, Lord Reading, Otto Schiff, Prof. Selig Brodetsky and others.

JEWS ENGINEER WINS STALIN PRIZE IN MOSCOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAR PLANE

MOSCOW, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Stalin prize, highest in the U.S.S.R., was awarded today to Simon Lavochkin, Jewish engineer credited with constructing the "LAV 1-7" plane which is considered here as rivaling the best American aircraft.

Lavochkin was born in 1900 in Smolensk. He graduated from a Moscow engineering institute and before the war specialized on building wooden planes designed to save metal. His "LAV 1-7" has undergone radical changes since the outbreak of the war with Lavochkin constantly perfecting it as result of experiences which Soviet fliers shared with him.

"Thousands of Lavochkin's planes are now carrying death into the enemy's camp," a government spokesman said today. In addition to the Stalin prize, Lavochkin was twice decorated with the Order of Lenin and given the title Hero of Socialist Labor.