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AUTONOMOUS JEWISH UNITS REPORTED FIGHTING THE GERMANS IN FRANCE; GESTAPO MOVES JEWS

GENEVA, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Autonomous Jewish units are fighting in the ranks of the Interior French Forces against the Germans in Lyon, Toulouse and other sections of France still occupied by the Germans, it was reported here today. One such unit was fighting against the Germans in Paris, the report said.

Several thousand young Jews have joined the Interior French Forces in Haute Savoie where some Jews are even directing the operations against the Germans, the report stated. The Jewish units fighting in the Lyon and Toulouse regions were received with much acclaim when passing through the villages, it added. In all sections of France liberated by the Interior French Forces, the Vichy anti-Jewish laws were immediately abolished.

The Swiss press reports today that the Gestapo is moving Jews from French concentration camps to Germany. The Gazette de Lausanne reports that 750 Jewish women and young girls went through the French city of Belfort last week on the way to camps in Mulhouse, Friborg and Breisgau. They were from a "Jewish concentration camp" near Paris which the Paper describes as "the most abominable camp imaginable."

HUNGARY RESUMES DEPORTATION OF JEWS; SWEDEN DETERMINED TO MAKE NEW RESCUE EFFORT

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Reliable information reaching here today from Budapest reveals that Hungarian authorities, cooperating with the Gestapo, resumed the mass-deportations of Jews from Hungary immediately after it became known that Rumania joined the Allies and turned against Germany and Hungary.

Cattle trains loaded with Jews were again leaving Hungary to "unknown destinations" during the last few days, despite the promise given by Regent Horthy of Hungary to King Gustaf of Sweden that Jews would no longer be deported from the country, a report received here says. Various sections of the Hungarian administration are now working against each other, but the Gestapo exerts the determining influence, the report added.

The Swedish Government, perturbed by this report, indicated today that it intends to send a special delegate to Budapest in an effort to halt the renewed deportations of Jews. Prominent Hungarian Jews reaching Stockholm, however, entertain doubts as to whether the efforts of the Swedish Government will have any success.

(The Hungarian Information Office in New York today released a cable from its London representative confirming the report that the deportation of Jews from Hungary has been resumed. "It is not true that those deportations are being carried out only by the Germans," the cable said. "The Hungarian authorities and the gendarmes are arresting Jews in Budapest for deportation.")

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REFUGEES IN ROME RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP; INSIST ON GOING TO PALESTINE

ROME, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A meeting of Jewish refugees in Rome convened last night by the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees to announce the offer of the Italian Government to grant citizenship to stateless persons was converted by the majority of the 150 refugees present into a pro-Palestine demonstration and concluded with fervent singing of the Hatikvah.

Speaking in Italian, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees urged the Jewish refugees to accept the offer of the Italian Government. He pointed out that overseas countries are reluctant to admit immigrants and might continue the same policy even after the war is over.

Many refugees, he continued, are anxious to go to Palestine. But Palestine is "very limited" and could not receive all those who desire to enter it, he added. He illustrated his remark with a handkerchief, declaring that Palestine is not larger than a handkerchief and presents a very special problem.

In suggesting the Jewish refugees accept the offered Italian citizenship, the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee assured the meeting that his office will handle all the formalities and that material assistance would be forthcoming to enable those accepting Italian citizenship to get a new start.

Three refugees from Belgium announced that they intend to return to their native land. Ten indicated preparedness to accept Italian citizenship. Others insisted that they want to proceed to Palestine. One of the refugees, Abraham Paperman, who himself organized and financed the flight of 800 Jews from France to northern Italy last September, told the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee that the Jewish refugees are deeply grateful for the Italian offer, but while they have complete confidence in the intentions of the present government, they fear that conditions in Italy are unstable and the succeeding government might cancel the rights previously accorded, as has happened in other countries.

The consensus of opinion among the refugees at the meeting was that the offer of the Italian Government should be accepted by those having roots in Italy who could be absorbed socially and economically, but that this offer was no solution for the majority of the Jewish refugees who happen to be in Italy only by chance.

PALESTINE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL SALUTES DE-GAULLE ON PARIS LIBERATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Greetings to Gen. de Gaulle, on the occasion of the liberation of Paris were cabled today by the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

"Palestine Jewry," the message said, "sends heartfelt greetings from Zion and Jerusalem on the joyous occasion of the liberation of Paris, the city which is a symbol of human liberty, equality and fraternity. All honor to the heroes of France and of the Allied armies fighting for the revival of France, the complete defeat of Nazi Germany, and the liberation of all oppressed nations still suffering under hostile Nazi domination."

REGENT OF IRAQ POSTPONES TRIP TO U.S.; DISSATISFIED WITH AMERICAN FIEWS ON PALESTINE

CAIRO, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Egyptian press reports today that the Regent of Iraq, Abdul Ilah, has decided to postpone his projected visit to the United States as result of the American attitude on the Palestine question, since both the Democratic and the Republican parties have gone on record as being outspoken for a Jewish Palestine.

JEWISH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT REPORTS ONLY 160,000 JEWS STILL ALIVE IN POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A report from the Jewish underground movement in Poland reaching Jewish leaders here today states that as late as three months ago there were still approximately 160,000 Jews in occupied Poland of the three-and-a-half million before the war. The report added that it is highly doubtful that the Germans will leave these Jews alive before evacuating Poland.

The majority of the surviving Jews are in concentration camps. Some are in the Lodz ghetto from where they are now being deported to various camps. The largest "Jewish camp" at present is in Plaszow. Some 12,000 Jews are held there. Another large "Jewish camp" harboring 10,000 Jews is located in Skarzysko, near Radom. About 7,000 Jews are held in the Starachowice camp. There are about 3,000 Jews in Plonki camp, 2,000 in Blizyna and 1,000 in Gory-Swietoskrzyski. The remainder are scattered over smaller camps in various sections of the country.

The Jews in the concentration camps are used for hard labor. Several thousand are working in the Silesian coal mines at Krolewska-Huta under desperate conditions. Many of them are dying of hunger and others commit suicide. The Jewish National Committee which is directing the underground movement is helping many Jews in their hiding places, the report said.

PEOPLE OF HOLLAND WILL WELCOME BACK RETURNING JEWS, MANIFESTO SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today reported that Jews have been invited by the people of occupied Holland to return to the country as soon as Holland is liberated. The invitation is extended in a manifesto published in the Dutch underground press.

Assuring the returning Jews that they will be welcomed, the manifesto urges "that repatriation of Jews deported by the Germans be carried on in the speediest manner; that all anti-Jewish regulations imposed during the German occupation be abolished; that all questions arising from war damage and expropriations and confiscations by the Germans be settled in such a manner that the victims of these actions will at least be able to provide reasonably for themselves."

DR. IMMANUEL LOEW, FAMOUS HUNGARIAN RABBI, DIES IN BUDAPEST; QUIET FUNERAL ORDERED

ZURICH, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Loew of Szegedin, former member of the Hungarian Upper House and descendant of Rabbi Loew of the Golden Gate, died in Budapest, it was learned here today. He was 90 years old.

Members of both houses of the Hungarian Parliament attended his funeral which took place during the hours when Jews in Budapest are permitted to do their shopping. The authorities mapped out a strict route for the funeral procession and allowed no speeches at the grave.

Chief Rabbi Loew is the author of a large number of learned works, which were issued in 1900 in a collected edition. Among the best known of these is his "Flora of the Jews" and "Fauna of the Jews." In 1920 his name was thrown into the "limelight" throughout the whole Jewish world. He was accused by a journalist of having given him an interview condemning the Horthy regime in Hungary. He was arrested on a charge of high treason and was for a long time kept in solitary confinement in his home. Eventually, however, it was proved that the statements made against him were invented, and his name was cleared. A violent controversy had been raging meanwhile in Hungary, many important personages rallying to his defense.