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FRENCH CABINET DECIDES TO RESTORE CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO JEWS

PARIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish property confiscated under the anti-Jewish laws of the Vichy regime will be returned to the former owners, it was officially announced here today. This was decided at a Cabinet meeting this week.

It is understood that a special office will be established by the Government to take up the claims of Jews requesting the return of their confiscated possessions. Many complications are expected, since thousands of Jews whose property was confiscated were among those deported to extermination camps in Poland.

Many administrators of "Aryanized" Jewish property disappeared after the liberation of Paris. It is assumed that they either retreated with the German armies, or changed their places of residence in order to avoid punishment. However, many Jewish enterprises "Aryanized" by Vichy officials were listed with the central Jewish body established in Paris under the occupation to deal with affairs of the Jewish community, and are now in the hands of Jewish leaders here.

CURFEW ON JERUSALEM JEWS LIFTED; JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONDEMNES TERROR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The strictest curfew ever introduced by the British administration in Palestine on the Jewish section of Jerusalem was lifted today after six days during which no Jew was permitted to leave his home for twelve hours daily beginning with 6 p.m.

The curfew was imposed after the assassination of Assistant Police Superintendent T. J. Wilkins by two unknown men as he was walking to police headquarters here. Armored police cars patrolled the Jewish quarter of the city to enforce the curfew. A country-wide search has not turned up the two assassins.

Hayim Zimmler, a young Jerusalem Jew, was sentenced today to one month's imprisonment "for assaulting Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog." The trial took place despite the Chief Rabbi's refusal to bring charges against his assailant.

The Jewish National Council of Palestine, meeting today, sharply condemned the terror. The session was addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldman, Zionist leader who flew from New York to Palestine last week at the invitation of the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

The Council voted to send a delegation to the world Jewish conference which is slated to open in New York on November 12 under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress. It also voted to postpone convoking the next session of the Jewish National Assembly until the arrival in Palestine of Dr. Chaim Weizmann who is expected here soon.

15,000 JEWS RETURN TO BRUSSELS; NAZI ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA INFLUENCES BELGIANS

LIEGE, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Germans not only eliminated two-thirds of the Jews in Belgium, but also instilled anti-Semitism in sections of the population which never before had ill-feelings towards Jews, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by Jewish leaders, who also estimated that 15,000 Jews have already returned to Brussels.

Albert Wolf, regional chief of the Comité pour la Défense des Juifs which represented the Jews in the Front de la Indépendance, told the correspondent how German propaganda, using anti-Jewish films and radio talks during the years of occupation, left anti-Jewish slogans in the minds of the Belgian masses despite their hatred for the Nazis. Wolf fought in the Belgian Army. He later escaped from a German camp and became one of the leaders of the underground movement.

The majority of the 15,000 Jews who returned to Brussels are utterly destitute, it was stated here. A committee is being formed there to aid victims of anti-Jewish legislation and to press for the naturalization of all stateless Jews in Belgium.

Correspondents Report Anti-Semitism Strong in Freed Lands

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Several war correspondents who have recently returned to London after visiting France, Belgium and Holland, report that anti-Semitic views are held by middle-class and well-to-do groups in those countries, the Daily Herald reports today.

A Gallup Poll taken here on forms of punishment for the German leaders revealed that five percent of those questioned felt that the Nazis should be turned over to the Jews, it was announced today. Sixty percent thought the United Nations should punish those guilty of crimes against Jews and other oppressed people, while 26 percent thought they should be dealt with by the German people.

BUDAPEST GHETTO CURFEW RELAXED; SLOVAKS RAIL AT FORMATION OF JEWISH BRIGADE

ZURICH, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Recently introduced regulations which kept Budapest Jews confined to the ghetto most of the day have been eased to allow them to leave it between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Budapest newspapers report.

The German Transocean news service reports that the official organ of the puppet Slovakian Government has attacked the formation of a Jewish brigade group by Britain, stating that "it is surprising to see the British people and empire fall so low as to allow Churchill to announce that he is going to loose a Jewish murder brigade upon the civilians of the European nations."

IRA HIRSCHMANN, WAR REFUGEE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, IN PALESTINE; EN ROUTE HOME

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Ira A. Hirschmann, War Refugee Board representative in Turkey, has arrived in Palestine en route to the United States where he will report to the Board concerning the rescue of Jews in the Balkan countries and Hungary. He is expected to spend five days here. He has been engaged in recent months in facilitating the escape of Jews from Rumania and Bulgaria particularly.

JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS EXECUTED BY GERMANS IN ESTONIA BEFORE HASTY RETREAT

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- British correspondents taken from Moscow to Tallin, the capital of liberated Estonia, today cabled details of German mass-murder of Jewish slave laborers two days before the Germans retreated from Tallin.

The correspondents spoke to a few of the twenty Jews who escaped extermination because of the German haste in leaving the city. The survivors described how the Germans machine-gunned slave laborers at the Klooga labor camp on Sept. 19 and poured gasoline over the bodies in an attempt to eradicate traces of the massacre.

Taken to the place where the mass-execution occurred, the correspondents found charred corpses in piles of ashes, and a heap of clothing most of which bore a stencilled Mogen David.

VERDUN HAS NO MORE JEWS; MANY FLED DURING OCCUPATION, OTHERS ARRESTED

VERDUN, France, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The extent to which the Germans sought to annihilate the Jews in France even in the smallest villages is best seen here in the vicinity of Verdun.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told numerous stories of how Jews sought to escape from the Germans after the occupation. In the village of Etain where there were only four Jewish families, he did not find a single Jew. These four Jewish families had maintained a tiny synagogue, but the Germans burned it down.

In Verdun itself there were some 30 Jewish families who had resided there for many years, and a larger number of Polish and other immigrant Jews. Today, not a single Jew remains in Verdun. Some fled and the others were arrested. The synagogue of Verdun, an old and distinguished edifice, was preserved intact, except for some broken windows. The ark where the Holy Scrolls were kept was emptied. During the last year the synagogue was used as a canteen for refugee French children.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONVENTION URGES CONTINUED ADMISSION OF IMMIGRANTS TO UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Continuance of "the traditional American policy of offering haven to newcomers from foreign lands" was urged today at the opening session of the four-day annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at the Hotel Commodore, which is being attended by delegates from 46 states.

The resolution reviewed the contribution that immigrants have made to the development of America and the role being played by immigrants in the armed forces, as well as the more recent contributions of refugees who have come here in the past decade.

Passage of the resolution was seen as a reply to the American Legion, which urged, at its Chicago convention last month, that all immigration be stopped and that refugees be returned to their lands of origin after the war. The opening session of the encampment was addressed by Borough President Edgar J. Nathan of Manhattan.

Highlights of the four-day meeting will be panel discussions on "Native Fascism and Subversive Activities in the U. S." and "Veterans Rehabilitation." Speakers at the session on subversive activities, to be held Saturday afternoon, will be John Roy Carlson, author of "Under Cover" and Dr. L. M. Birkhead, director of the Friends of Democracy.

J.D.C. TRANSPORTS 400 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has completed all arrangements for the transportation of 400 Jewish refugees who hold Palestine immigration certificates from Spain, Portugal and Tangiers to Palestine, Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., announced today.

About 300 of the refugees are from Spain and Portugal where they were maintained by the J.D.C. during their stay in these neutral lands, to which they had fled from Nazi-occupied Europe. The remaining 100 men, women and children will embark at Tangier, where the J.D.C. has maintained them. J.D.C.'s representatives, Mr. Hyman added, have supplied part of the group with clothing suitable for the trip.

In addition to the 400 who will sail on the Portuguese freighter, the Guine, the Joint Distribution Committee this year transported over 6,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, the bulk of them from the Balkans, in a rescue program carried out jointly by the War Refugee Board, the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the J.D.C.

NON-JEWS THREATEN TO SECEDE FROM CITY TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH CEMETERY

BEVERLY, Mass. Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Residents of the Centerville section of Beverly threatened today to secede from the city in order to prevent establishment of a Jewish cemetery in their district.

At a hearing before the Board of Aldermen on a petition by 200 families of the Sons of Abraham for a cemetery in a plot of farm land off Cole St., Miss Dora Edwards, School Committee member and one of the property owners opposing the petition, said plans were already underway to establish a separate township.

A petition signed by more than 100 residents of the district opposing any change in zoning laws to permit a Jewish cemetery was presented to the Aldermen. The petitioners, headed by Maj. Philip F. Sears and Mrs. J. Amory Sullivan, said such a cemetery would harm property values. The Alderman weighed action.

FREED ANTI-SEMITIC PARLIAMENTARIAN RESUMES DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Capt. Archibald H. M. Ramsey, pro-fascist and anti-Semitic member of Parliament who was released from internment last week by Home Minister Herbert Morrison after four years in prison, has lost no time in resuming his anti-Semitic activities.

A number of hand-picked members received a copy of a document by Ramsey relating his interview with the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain concerning the "menace of international Jewry," his reasons for condemning the "Federal Union" scheme as a Jewish plot, and other anti-Jewish fulminations. It is reported that the members receiving Ramsey's propaganda were shocked.

PALESTINE ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES COMPETITION FOR V-DAY COMPOSITION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Palestine Symphony Orchestra will celebrate V-Day by playing a specially commissioned work marking the occasion, it was announced today. The work will be selected in a competition open to all composers in the Middle East.