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Jews in Hungary "Will Prefer Death" to Anti-Jewish Measures Awaiting Them, Says Official

ROME, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Gabor Vajna, new Hungarian Minister for Home Affairs and one of the leaders of the anti-Semitic Arrow Cross Party, today announced over the Budapest radio that emergency measures will be taken by the Hungarian Government against Jews "to which they might prefer death."

The Hungarian Minister warned that "no one, whether inside or outside Hungary must interfere with the contemplated measures regarding the Jews." Other broadcasts from Budapest continued to attack Jews as enemies of the new Hungarian regime and friends of the Allies.

Hungarian Premier Says Jews Will Be Held as Hostages For Air Raids

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The German radio today reported that Jews in Hungary will be held as hostages for Allied air attacks. This, the broadcast said, has been decided upon by the new Hungarian Premier and Regent Ferenc Szalasi.

Quoting a statement allegedly issued by Szalasi, the Berlin broadcast announced, "The attitude towards the Jews in Hungary will depend upon their personal behavior and the enemy air attacks." After the war, the Jews will be expelled from Hungary to a place "designated by international agreement," the German radio quoted the Hungarian Premier as declaring.

A Slovakian leader reaching here this week from German-held Slovakia today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Jewish situation there is "catastrophic." As soon as the rising against the present regime broke out in various sections of the country, all Jews throughout Slovakia were herded into concentration camps and confined under most inhuman conditions, he reported. They were given hardly any food and many of them were deported to death camps as soon as transportation was available.

"Unless the interned Jews are liberated soon, either by the insurgents or the advancing Russian Army, they are in the greatest danger," the Slovak leader said. He added that one of the first actions of the insurrectionists was to free Jews from concentration camps. "This," he declared, "was particularly successful at a large camp situated near Banka-Bistrica. The Jews liberated from this camp joined the revolt immediately after their liberation."

"In the parts of Slovakia held by the anti-Nazis all anti-Jewish regulations have been abrogated and the process of restoring confiscated property to the former Jewish owners has begun," the Slovak leader continued. "It will, however, require some time until the question of complete restoration of Jewish property is legally solved, since there are many complications."

JEWISH AGENCY APPEALS TO MOSCOW ASKING FOR RESCUE OF HUNGARIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today telegraphed an appeal to Premier Stalin asking for urgent steps to rescue the Jews in Hungary. A similar appeal was also wired to Premier Churchill who is in Moscow conferring with Stalin.

HISTADRUTH PROCLAIMS WAR AGAINST TERROR GROUPS; JEWISH BRIGADE WILL SOON SEE ACTION

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Open warfare on the Jewish terrorist groups in Palestine was proclaimed today by the Histadruth, the Jewish Federation of Labor.

Addressing a press conference, Eliahu Golomb, one of the Histadruth leaders, emphasized that "organized Jewish Palestine will fight the terrorists and will conduct the fight not as one section of Palestine Jewry, but in the name of all the Jews of the country." He indicated that the fight against the terrorists will be pressed vigorously.

Mr. Golomb also stated that the Jewish Brigade now in formation will go into action soon, possibly this winter. Premier Churchill, he said, will decide whether the colors of the Brigade are to be only Blue-White or a combination of Blue-White with the Union Jack. Negotiations are now being conducted in France with Jewish Maquis groups concerning the possibility of their joining the Jewish Brigade, he revealed.

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ASSURES WELCOME TO RETURNING JEWS, INCLUDING NON-CITIZENS

BRUSSELS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Assurance of a welcome to the Jews of Belgium who were forced to flee during the German occupation was given today by Deputy Prime Minister De Schryver.

"The government has repeatedly made it known that expropriated property will be restored, and the first steps in this direction are already being taken," the Belgian statesman said. "Obviously, in many instances great complications will have to be resolved. Where it is a simple question of a house, we are on firm ground. But where businesses have been sold under pressure, there will arise questions as to whether the purchases were made in good faith, and the most careful processes will have to be followed. We shall make every effort to see that the loss to the original owners is justly amended."

As to the question of repatriation, the Deputy Prime Minister indicated that there would be no difficulties placed in the way of Jews who had resided in the country before the refugee exodus brought on by Hitler. "Those who were here before the Hitler period can be regarded as residents," he stated. "But during the Hitler refugee period, it became clear that we could not hope to assimilate the tens of thousands who were forced to flee, and it was understood that we would permit them into the country while they sought visas and transportation to the Americas and other regions." There are at present 6,000 Jewish refugees from the Reich in liberated Belgium.

HEBREW PRESS ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMES ROOSEVELT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The entire Hebrew press here has reacted enthusiastically to President Roosevelt's strong statement pledging his aid, if re-elected, to secure the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Haaretz says that "not a single statesman of any standing, especially the head of a government, would seek to mislead anybody to gain votes. Roosevelt is famous for his adherence to moral principles in politics. The news from overseas," it continues, "will not only encourage the Zionist movement here, but the remnants of European Jewry who are beginning to reappear from their hideouts and concentration camps will be strengthened in their belief that the world understands the necessity of rectifying the terrible injustice done the Jewish people. The leaders of the U.S. Government evidently do not feel that their pronouncements put their British partners in an inconvenient position and we believe that a decision on Palestine will be made with complete understanding among all concerned," the paper concludes.

Ha-boker writes that "the Roosevelt statement is of great importance because its formulation shows a deep, detailed knowledge of the problem."

INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM ASKED BY UNDERGROUND LEADER

BRUSSELS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- One of the first concerns of any international authority set up after the war must be action against anti-Semitism, in the opinion of Prof. Chaim Perelman, of the department of Logic and Philosophy of Brussels University. Prof. Perelman, who was for two years chief of the underground activity of the Comite De Defense des Juifs, which was part of the "White Army" in Belgium's Front Independence, is certain that Germany's four-year propaganda occupation of the European mind has left widespread anti-Semitism where none existed before.

"Anti-Semitism is now the center of anti-democratic propaganda all over the world," Prof. Perelman told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "You can't preach fascism without being interned, you can't attack the Allies without being interned, but you can speak freely against the Jews. So the whole of internal Zionist propaganda is funnelled through the channels of anti-Semitism. This gives them an opening for post-war attempts to win, in ideology, what they lose on the battlefield. I believe the only way to combat anti-Semitism is by an international effort, not by international law."

Prof. Perelman, a young, energetic man who shows no signs of the years of nerve-racking underground struggle, as a key figure in the secreting and sustenance of over 1,000 Jews, said that. "Every Jew saved was saved by a Belgian, and for every Jew saved there was at least one Belgian in danger. Many were caught, and suffered for the life they gave; yet they never stopped helping us," he pointed out. Many Belgian civilian agencies also helped; among them, the Belgian Children's Institute, directed by Mlle. Yvonne Nevejan. Through her, many Jewish children were hidden, and funds for their maintenance were secured.

During its entire period of activity, the Jewish underground committee headed by Prof. Perelman spent some 35,000,000 francs. Of this sum, 7,000,000 came from the Joint Distribution Committee through Switzerland, by underground contacts. Of the remainder, much was borrowed from banks and institutions; 15,000,000 francs were received from the Belgian Government.

The dangerous work of saving Jews was not carried on without human loss. In 1943, the Gestapo caught a young Zionist leader named Berenson, a leader in the Jewish community who was successfully hidden throughout the occupation. Berenson, after being severely beaten, was taken to the city hall where the Gestapo intended to force him to point out the people who had worked with him in the fabrication of false identity cards for Jews. He managed to get out of their hands for a moment, and leaped to his death from a second floor stairway landing. Dr. Ura Lifschitz, a noted local physician, when arrested, overpowered and shot his Gestapo guard, only to be caught again, a few months later, and executed.

PROTOCOLS OF ZION-BRANDED FORGERY BY JUDGE AT WASHINGTON SEDITION TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The notorious "Protocols of Zion" were dragged into the sedition trial here yesterday by the defendants and were promptly thrown out.

When defense attorney Albert Dilling, husband of Elizabeth Dilling, a violent anti-Semite, offered them as evidence, Justice Bicher refused to consider them, declaring that they were a forgery.

CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS CONVENTION CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

QUEBEC, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The convention of the Canadian Congress of Labor yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution condemning anti-Semitic activities. The convention is being attended by 600 delegates. The congress is affiliated with the CIO.

BARON GUNZBOURG SAFE IN PARIS; WAS IN HIDING DURING GERMAN OCCUPATION OF FRANCE

GENEVA, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Baron Philip de Gunzburg, who lived in hiding in France during the German occupation, has returned to Paris, it was learned today from Ort circles. He is one of the leading members of the Ort in France.

The office of the Ort here also announced today the sending of its chief engineer, M. Waysman, to Paris to resume Ort activities in liberated France. The announcement added that Dr. Aron Syngalowski, leader of the World Ort Union, will leave here next month for Paris with plans for establishing cooperative workshops for Jewish artisans and unemployed. He will also reopen the Ort trade schools which were closed by the Germans during the occupation.

CHILE URGED TO OPEN DOORS TO POST-WAR IMMIGRATION; JCA WORK CITED AS MODEL

SANTIAGO, Chile, (JTA - by Airmail) -- Citing the settlements of the Jewish Colonization Association in Argentina as an example, El Mercurio, leading Chilean magazine, publishes an article urging the opening of the country to post-war immigration and emphasizing that Chile, with a population of only 6,000,000 has good reason to be interested in such immigration.

The article dwells at great length on the system of colonization introduced by the Jewish Colonization Association in Latin America and quotes some of the statements by government officials in Argentina lauding the Jewish settlements there. If the people of Chile wish to enjoy progress and develop the country's natural resources, they are advised to take as a model the Jewish Colonization Association and its half-century effort in the field of settlement of immigrants," the article says.

ECUADOR PREPARING NEW IMMIGRATION LAW; WILL GRANT PRIVILEGES TO SETTLERS ON FARMS

QUITO, Ecuador, Oct. 9. (JTA - By Airmail) -- The Ecuadorian government is preparing a new immigration law to spur settling of the sparsely-populated country in order to raise its productivity and help solve its knotty economic problems, it was learned here today.

The new law would grant substantial privileges to immigrants, many of whom are expected from European countries, if they settle as farmers. It would exempt them from taxes for many years as well as give them the opportunity to take possession of fertile virgin lands.

CUBAN DEFENSE MINISTER ADDRESSES JEWISH MEETING IN HAVANA; NAZI ATROCITIES CONDEMNED

HAVANA, Cuba (JTA - By Airmail) -- Prominent Cuban personalities, including the Minister of National Defense, Havana's Mayor, Menendez Villoch, and a number of senators, addressed a meeting called here by the Central Committee of Hebrew Societies of Cuba to commemorate the Jewish victims of the German "extermination camps" in Poland.

The meeting was held on Oct. 5 at Havana University. This was the first time that the university permitted the use of its buildings for a gathering not connected with the university's activities. This was made possible by a special resolution of the university council "in consideration that the purpose of the meeting involves the discussion of the highest principles of humanity, and inasmuch as it is to commemorate and condemn a horrible deed perpetrated against the dearest sentiments of the democratic world which we endeavor to maintain."