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HUNGARY CANCELS PROTECTION FOR JEWS HOLDING FOREIGN PASSPORTS

ZURICH, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The new Hungarian Government, composed of pro-Nazi extremists, today announced that it will not recognize passports issued by foreign governments to Jews in Hungary for the purpose of providing protection by giving them the status of foreign nationals.

"We shall not recognize any foreign passports in the solution of the Jewish problem in Hungary," the Hungarian Minister of Home Affairs, Gabor Vajna, said in a broadcast to the Hungarian people. "The solution of this question will be merciless as deserved by the Jews."

Several thousand such passports have been issued recently by Budapest consulates of neutral countries in order to prevent the deportation of the Jews from the country. Today's announcement emphasizes that while the previous regime in Hungary took cognizance of these documents, they will no longer be considered valid.

"The Jews living in Hungary at the present moment are under the control and direction of the Hungarian State," Vajna declared. "Let no one of the Jewish race believe that with foreign help he can evade the legal rules of the Hungarian State."

The Minister of Home Affairs revealed that "several detailed instructions would be issued for the settlement of the Jewish question in the country." He emphasized that no distinction will be made between Jews and baptized Jews. He also indicated that all Jews will be held responsible if a single Jew commits "any outrage against the Hungarian nation, the army of our ally, or her civilian population, or any other crime." In such an event, he said, he will adopt against the Jews in Hungary "such measures as will give satisfaction to our nation or to our allies."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DEPORTS 251 TERRORIST SUSPECTS; MANY ARE "IRGUN" MEMBERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today announced the deportation from the country of 251 persons arrested as terrorists or for complicity in terrorist activity. The announcement added that during the last two months 118 members of the terrorist group, Irgun Z'vai Leumi, have been arrested throughout Palestine.

The deportation was carried out "in the interest of public security and safety of life and property in Palestine," the official announcement stated.

Simultaneously, the government announced that air raid sirens will be sounded to give the public warning of any terrorist acts. In Jerusalem, the system of sounding sirens will be introduced today, while in other towns it will be placed in effect as soon as possible. When the sirens are sounded, police and military units

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will take pre-arranged action to halt all traffic. The public will then be required to report to the nearest authorities any suspicious occurrences, so as to make it easier for the police to capture fleeing terrorists.

Ugly Situation Brewing in Palestine, British Paper Says

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Criticism against the "drifting policy" of the British Government with regard to the Palestine problem is voiced today in an editorial in the New Statesman and Nation, influential liberal weekly.

"An ugly situation is brewing in Palestine," the article says. "The British attitude is one of drifting, and those who should decide the policy with regard to Palestine are too over-tired and over-preoccupied to come to grips with the baffling problem." The article urges the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Home "although on much more restricted lines than the Jews desire." The editorial says that it is certain that both the Jews and the Arabs will accept such a decision even under protest.

The Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association today criticized the statement on Jewish terrorists in Palestine made by Colonial Secretary Stanley in the House of Commons. Leonard Stein, head of the Association, pointed out that while describing the terrorist activities as an impediment to the war effort, Secretary Stanley failed to add that Palestine Jewry as a whole has supported the war effort loyally and effectively not only in factories and workshops, but also in the Army and Navy and in theatres of war from Abyssinia to Italy.

Particularly unfortunate, Mr. Stanley said, was the language used by the Colonial Secretary. Col. Stanley's statement, he added, might be taken to imply that the activities of a small group of terrorists sully the good name of all the Jews in Palestine, if not the Jews world over. "In behalf of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association I protest against that suggestion," Mr. Stein said. At the same time, he expressed abhorrence of the crimes committed by the terrorists.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT APPOINTS COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH RESTORATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY

BUCHAREST, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Cabinet today appointed a commission to draft a law covering restoration of confiscated property to Jewish owners. "Until today nothing had been undertaken to restore Jews to their pre-war economic status.

The International Red Cross today indicated that it has accepted, in principle, a proposal that an organization of Jewish youth be formed in Rumania to accompany troops into regained Transylvanian territory to organize relief for surviving Jews. The proposal was made by Dr. Ernest Marton, former Jewish member of the Rumanian parliament who is now the chairman of the Relief Committee for Jewish Refugees from Poland and Hungary.

There are in Rumania at present 1,300 Jewish refugees from Poland and a similar number from Hungary. Each of them receives about eight dollars a month from the Jewish relief committee. The same amount is also given to about 1,000 Jewish repatriates from Transpistria. The situation of these refugees is precarious. The relief committee has, therefore, sent an appeal to the Joint Distribution Committee asking for increased relief as well as for a single grant of fifty dollars for each refugee to be spent exclusively for winter clothing.

ROOSEVELT, DEWEY PLEDGES PALESTINE LAUDED AS VICTORY FOR AMERICAN JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's and Gov. Dewey's recent statements on Palestine are a great victory for the Zionist movement and American Jewry, the Zionist Review, official organ of the British Zionist Federation, says today, at the same time that it stresses that "they are not sufficient guarantees that a Jewish state will be established."

Great political struggles still lie ahead, a Review editorial states, and British Zionists, English Jewry as a whole, and non-Jewish Zionist supporters here must intensify their efforts to secure a similarly favorable statement on Palestine by British statesmen.

The current issue of the Zionist magazine also carries an attack on Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, a Briton who is the representative of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee in Italy, for his recent suggestion that Madagascar, rather than Palestine, would be an ideal place for a Jewish settlement. Recalling that Madagascar was planned as a reservation for Jews by Hitler, the Review demands that the committee explain whether Heathcote-Smith's statements represent its policy.

Egyptian Press Criticizes Roosevelt Statement on Jewish Commonwealth

CAIRO, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Egyptian press, although differing widely on many domestic issues, is unanimous in its criticism of President Roosevelt's message to the American Zionist Organization pledging support of efforts to establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

The newspaper Al Misri, organ of the Wafd party of ousted Premier Nahas Pasha, devotes seven columns to discussion of the Palestine question, including a three-column attack on President Roosevelt. The President's statement, the paper says, does not jibe with his previous praise of and sympathy with the Arab people and their cooperation with the Allies.

Al Balagh, most widely circulated Moslem paper in the world, publishes an editorial pointing out that Roosevelt's statement is contrary to the provisions of the White Paper and further complicates the Palestine problem. It expresses the opinion that British statesmen are bound by the White Paper and cannot follow the American lead.

The English-language Egyptian Gazette, which is influential in the British community here, writes that "there can be only one reason for these declarations (Roosevelt and Dewey), the hope of gaining Jewish votes. But the men who make these facile promise seem to overlook the fact that they do not have the power to fulfill them, since Britain is the mandatory power." It deplores the statements as a threat to "the precarious tranquility" in Palestine and the Middle East.

American Pro-Zionist Declarations Result of Bible Influence, Say Chief Rabbis

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The pro-Zionist declarations by the Democratic and Republican parties in the United States are welcomed today in a joint statement issued by Chief Rabbis Ben-Zion Uziel and Isaac Herzog as "the first response to our call from Mount Zion, in the name of the Holy Torah and the Prophets, for restoration of the land of Israel to the people of Israel, and its establishment as a Jewish State."

The statement declares that the American declarations visibly mirror the influence of the Bible, "the source of life of the American Constitution," and expresses the hope that other nations will soon follow suit, "above all the British people who hold the Bible so precious."

DELEGATION TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS DOES NOT REPRESENT ENGLISH JEWRY, LEADER CLAIMS

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association today announced that the Jewish delegation from England, which is proceeding to the United States to participate in the World Jewish Conference opening in New York next month, does not represent British Jewry.

Whatever the personal merits of the members of the delegation are, they have no mandate from recognized organs of English Jewry and are not entitled to speak on its behalf, Leonard Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared.

REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATE IN UNRRA CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of fifty women's organizations, including Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith Women's groups and the Women's American Ort, today participated in an all-day conference on the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the Mayflower Hotel here.

"Hundreds of people from voluntary societies now are in training for field work alongside UNRRA or are brigaded with UNRRA personnel in field missions, waiting to move in to help the liberated people," L. B. Pearson, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Canadian Embassy and chairman of the second session of the UNRRA Council held this summer in Montreal, told the women present.

Morse Salisbury, director of public relations of UNRRA, told the group that thirty UNRRA representatives are now working with military officers in liberated areas in the care of displaced persons who are to be repatriated. These, he said, will eventually be in charge of UNRRA activities when the army relinquishes control. According to Thomas M. Cooley, II, deputy director of the division on displaced persons, "the biggest job will be in Germany where some eight to nine million displaced persons will be found. Few, if any, Jews will be among them," he said.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO ALFRED M. COHEN ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of the B'nai B'rith saluted Alfred M. Cohen, honorary president of the organization, on the occasion of his 85th birthday yesterday.

A message from Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith president, emphasized that "not only because of his consecrated service to the B'nai B'rith, but because of his broad and universal interest in all matters affecting the Jewish people, Mr. Cohen has won the profound and everlasting esteem, admiration, affection and gratitude of the official family and the entire membership of the B'nai B'rith. Similar testimonials were sent by Maurice Bisgier, secretary of the organization, and Sidney G. Kusworm, treasurer.

MORRIS MYER, BRITISH ZIONIST AND YIDDISH EDITOR, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 65

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Morris Myer, Yiddish writer and editor and prominent British Zionist, died here early this morning. He was 65.

Born in Rumania, Myer worked as a tinsmith in his youth and became active in labor organizations. He came to England in 1902, where he edited a Yiddish weekly, and for the next ten years simultaneously edited Yiddish newspapers and worked as an artisan. In 1913, he was named editor of the Yiddish daily, Die Zeit, a post he held at the time of his death.

Although primarily interested in the labor movement as a youth, Myer later became a confirmed Zionist. He was vice-president of the Federation of English Zionists, a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a leader in other communal affairs.