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GESTAPO STARTS DEPORTATION OF 50,000 JEWS FROM HUNGARY; MANY ALREADY DEPORTED

BERN, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here today received a reliable report from Hungary revealing that the Gestapo, aided by Hungarian authorities, has started deporting 50,000 Jewish men from Budapest to camps in Germany.

A considerable number of Jews have already left Budapest in cattle trains for an unknown destination in the Reich, the report said. At the same time, Jewish children and old men who had been allowed to live in specified houses in Budapest proper were all transferred to the ghetto.

The renewed mass-deportation constitutes an open violation of the promise given by the Hungarian Government to the International Red Cross last July, as well as to diplomatic representatives of neutral countries who intervened in behalf of the Jews in Hungary under instructions from their governments.

German newspapers reaching here report that "decisive measures" have been taken against the Jews and laud the Hungarian Government for taking them. Slovakian newspapers report that many Jews in Slovakia whose enterprises were "Aryanized" by the pro-Nazi Slovak Government have now joined the partisans.

TURKISH SHIP LEAVES RUMANIA FOR PALESTINE WITH 540 JEWS; 5,000 WILL BE ADMITTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A Turkish ship carrying 540 Jews from the Rumanian port of Constanza to Palestine is now en route here under a Red Cross flag, it was reported today. It was also announced that 5,000 Jews from Rumania will be admitted to Palestine under the 10,300 immigration quota just granted to the Jewish Agency by the Palestine Government.

At a press conference today, Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, stated that the 10,300 immigration certificates are for individuals only and not for families, and that they were allotted under the provisions of the White Paper. The Jewish Agency, he declared, will do everything in its power to break the White Paper provisions which close the doors of Palestine to further immigration. "We shall fight in order to achieve mass-immigration," he declared.

The Palestine Government, Shertok revealed, has not yielded to the demand of the Jewish Agency that the monthly quota of 1,500 immigrants until the end of this year be increased. He attached special importance to the fact that the government agreed to admit Jews from Italy and not only Jewish refugees from there. This means that the balance of the immigration certificates under the White Paper are no longer limited to refugees only.

Today's press conference marked the opening of the recruiting campaign started by the Jewish Agency for volunteers for the Jewish Brigade. Shertok denied at the conference that Lord Strabolgi had anything to do with the formation of the brigade. He said that he knew nothing about where the brigade will fight, but that the Jewish Agency relied on Churchill's announcement that it will participate in the occupation of Germany and will remain there with the occupation forces after hostilities cease.

EFFECTIVE RESTORATION OF RIGHTS TO JEWS IN RUMANIA DEMANDED IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A demand for action rather than promises is the reaction of Rumanian liberal newspapers to the statement made this week by Foreign Minister Nicolae-Buzeste to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in which he declared that his government will "soon" announce decrees eradicating all traces of anti-Jewish legislation and restoring all property confiscated from Jews.

All newspapers in Bucharest carry the minister's statement, but some of them comment that there is quite a gap between promises and deeds: "The minister's words with regard to the Jews are so far only promises; actually nothing has been done," writes the newspaper Victoria. Other papers comment in similar vein.

Dr. William Pilderman, president of the Association of Jews in Rumania, today emphasized that while a decree issued by the Rumanian Government restores to the Jews in the country their civil rights under the 1923 constitution, it is nevertheless a fact that confiscated property has not been returned as yet to Jews. The Jewish population, he said, is in desperate need of urgent help since thousands are underfed, have practically no clothes, and are exposed to the full rigors of the severe Rumanian winter.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES UNITED NATIONS TO INTERVENE FOR JEWS IN RUMANIA

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Declaring that "nothing has been done to make tolerable the existence of 270,000 Rumanian Jews who escaped extermination and survived internment in concentration camps," and that the "Rumanian authorities stand in the way, even when temporary makeshifts can be devised," the American Jewish Committee asked Secretary of State Cordell Hull "to make representations to the Rumanian authorities and to instruct its representatives on the Allied Control Commission to do everything in their power toward removing discriminations still existing against Jews and restoring to them the rights and possessions of which they were stripped by the Nazi regime."

Copies of the letter sent to Secretary Hull over the signature of Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, were also sent to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, and Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador to the United States.

The letter said that the hope that "victory by the United Nations would do away with the cruelties of fascism and racism in Rumania has not been fulfilled." It urges the Allied Control Commission in Bucharest "to supervise the fulfillment of the armistice terms, including Rumania's obligation to 'repeal all discriminatory legislation and restrictions.'"

Recalling that the armistice with Rumania was concluded more than a month ago, on September 12th, the statement said that "no move has been made to restore property of which Jews were despoiled; even the basic things most necessary for life, like clothing and shelter, have not been returned to their desperately needy rightful owners. When temporary makeshifts can be devised, the Rumanian authorities stand in the way."

Jewish Labor Committee Cables Protest to Rumanian Cabinet Member

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee today cabled to Constantine Petrescu, Social-Democratic member of the Rumanian Cabinet, expressing the concern of organized Jewish labor in America at the passive attitude of the Social Democratic Party in Rumania towards the restoration of full rights to Rumanian Jews. It urged that "everything possible be done to rescue the Jews in Rumania from annihilation."

PALESTINE JEWS TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO CURB TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Palestine Jewish community plans to combat terroristic activities "by practical deeds rather than further declarations," Moshe Shertok, chief of the Jewish Agency's political department, today assured a mass-meeting here.

An indication that this new policy has already gone into effect was the stationing of a large number of guards around the buildings of Jewish institutions. All visitors are required to state their business and name, and provide identification before being admitted.

The government announced today that the new High Commissioner, Viscount Gort, will arrive in the country on Tuesday.

BRITISH ZIONISTS APPEAL TO ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION TO WITHDRAW MEMORANDUM ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A proposal stating that the Anglo-Jewish Association "would welcome any offer of His Majesty's Government of suitable territory on an autonomous basis for Jews who cannot or will not remain in the lands where they presently live," will be offered for consideration at the annual meeting of the Association on November 2, it was learned here today. The Association's Palestine policy will be decided upon at that meeting, when the above proposal as well as the memorandum on Palestine already drawn up by the organization will be worked out in final form.

Meanwhile, Levy Bakstansky, secretary of the British Zionist Federation, addressing a Zionist meeting in Manchester today, declared that the Association's memorandum, and its plan to seek separate negotiations with the government on the Palestine question, will strike a blow against the struggle for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. He appealed to the Association to refrain from action "which will be interpreted by Jews throughout the world as an attempt to frustrate the real purpose of the Balfour Declaration."

SWISS GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES COMMISSION FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF REFUGEES

GENEVA, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from France are beginning to return from here to their homes, but no large refugee repatriation is still in sight. The Swiss Government, therefore, announced today the establishment of a government commission for vocational training of refugees in this country. Dr. Aron Syngalovski, vice-president of the Ort World Union, was named one of the members of the commission.

Two large refugee shelters will be transformed by the Swiss Government into Ort centers for vocational training, it was learned today in connection with the establishment of the commission. At present the Ort maintains sixty-five institutions in Switzerland where more than 1,000 Jewish refugees receive special industrial and agricultural training, including groups which expect to emigrate to Palestine.

REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN SCANDINAVIA HOLD FIRST JOINT CONFERENCE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish communities in Scandinavian countries, meeting at the first Inter-Scandinavian Jewish Conference here, expressed thanks to King Gustav and the Swedish people for the assistance given Jews in occupied countries. The conference decided to join the World Jewish Congress.

The Finnish radio today reported that more than twenty percent of the Jewish population in Finland participated in the war. Of 1,700 Jews living in Finland, 350 served in the armed forces. Twenty of them were killed in action, the broadcast said.

STATE DEPARTMENT URGED TO SECURE ESTABLISHMENT OF "COMMISSION ON RESTITUTION" FOR JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The State Department was urged today, in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the national Mizrahi convention, to take the initiative in establishing a Commission on Restitution "to survey the amount of loot confiscated by the Nazis from Jews in European countries which they overran," funds belonging to claimants who can no longer be found should be used for the re-settlement of destitute Jews in Palestine, the resolution added.

Emanuel Neumann, director of the Commission on Palestine Surveys, who submitted the resolution, estimated that the Nazis have seized \$6,000,000,000 worth of loot from Jews, and suggested that a "Bank for Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Jewish refugees" be established to use reparations obtained from the Germans to settle in Palestine European Jews who desire to go there.

Other resolutions adopted at the convention, which was attended by 550 delegates, asked the United Nations leaders to induce the German Government to give war prisoner status to Jews in occupied territories; assailed the terror in Palestine, while, at the same time, condemning the deportation by the government of "innocent hostages," pledged support of the American Jewish Conference and paid tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for his "dynamic leadership of American Zionism."

It was reported at the conference that the American Mizrahi Organization has sent \$125,000 to Palestine in the past year for the transportation and care of 1,100 Jewish refugee children. The formation of an "American Eretz Israel Corporation" to "foster and encourage trade between the United States and Palestine, and Palestine and its neighboring countries" was announced.

Leon Gellman was re-elected president of the organization. Vice-presidents elected were: Herman Hollander of New York, and Harry Kraft of Boston. Rabbi Max Kirschblum of Brooklyn was named to the newly-created post of executive vice-chairman.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF SARAH BERNHARDT OBSERVED IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The 100th birthday of Sarah Bernhardt, famous French-Jewish actress, was observed here by a special broadcast over the French radio and the placing of flowers on her grave.

During the occupation of Paris, the Nazis removed her name from the theatre named after her. They also expunged all reference to her from histories of the French stage.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL FOR JOEL SLONIM, NOTED YIDDISH POET AND POLITICAL WRITER

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services attended by many writers and political leaders, were held here today for Joel Slonim, Jewish poet and for twenty-five years a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish newspaper The Day, who died Thursday night at the Fifth Avenue Hospital at the age of 60. He was considered his paper's outstanding political reporter and, at one time, was secretary of the Department of Docks of New York City.

Born in Drogitzine, Russia, Mr. Slonim was two years old when his parents migrated to the United States to make their home in Chicago. He attended public school, high school and college in that city. He began by writing for English-language papers and magazines, but turned to Yiddish journalism, in which he had spent the last thirty-five years of his life.

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POLICE RAID OLDEST JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE IN SEARCH FOR TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Continuing their hunt for terrorists, the Palestine police today raided Rishon L'Zion, the oldest Jewish settlement in Palestine, and arrested today in Jerusalem one of the leaders of the terrorist Stern group, Shlomo Gurabin, who succeeded in escaping a year ago from the Latrun jail. Another alleged leader of the Stern group, Joshua Cohen, was also arrested in Jerusalem, the announcement said.

At a press conference today, Dr. Nathan Altman, leader of the New Zionist Organization, warned that the decision announced last week by the Jewish Agency to wipe out terrorism among Jews in Palestine may lead to civil war. He called upon the Palestine Government to revoke the deportations of Jews suspected of cooperating with the terrorists and urged Palestine Jewry to protest against such deportations.

JEWISH LEADERS IN SWITZERLAND FEAR LARGE-SCALE GESTAPO TERROR AGAINST JEWS IN BUDAPEST

ZURICH, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Grave fears for the Jews in Budapest were expressed by Jewish leaders today following reports reaching here from various reliable sources that anti-Jewish measures in Hungary are becoming more severe daily as Russian armies converge on the Hungarian capital.

In addition to resumed mass-deportations of Jews by the Gestapo, Jews in Budapest have been forbidden since Saturday to appear in the streets even though they wear a Mogen David badge. Only one Jew from each family can leave the ghetto for one hour at a specified time in order to secure rationed food.

The Jews live in constant fear of what the next hour may bring them, one report says. They expect the worse. Isolated from the rest of the world, they depend entirely on occasional contacts with friendly Hungarian non-Jews and neutral diplomats to make their plight known. But it is believed that even these meager contacts will cease as the battle lines approach the city. At present, Russian troops are only 60 miles from Budapest.

Neutral observers in Switzerland are of the opinion that Budapest will fall to the Russians within a month. Jewish leaders here who have been in communication with prominent persons in Budapest in an attempt to secure intervention for the Jews of Hungary, are finding it difficult to maintain these connections. They fear that the deportation of 50,000 Jews from Budapest to Germany, which started within the last few days, is only the beginning of large-scale Gestapo terror. It is noted here that the deportees were all able-bodied men. What the Gestapo intends to do with Jewish women, children and aged persons, who were driven during the week-end into the ghetto premises, is the subject of gloomy predictions.

1,100 LIBERATED HUNGARIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN RUMANIA; WERE HELD BY GERMANS AS SLAVE WORKERS

BUCHAREST, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Two groups comprising 1,100 Hungarian Jews liberated from slave labor arrived in Rumania today en route to their home in the parts of Hungary now occupied by the Russian Army. They were visited by the president of the Rumanian Red Cross, Dr. Costinosa, who asked them whether they would prefer to emigrate to Palestine.

One of the groups consists of 700 Hungarian Jews who had been deported by the Germans to hard labor in the Ukraine and were released when that territory was retaken by the Russian armies. The other group consists of 400 Jews from Hungary who were liberated by Marshal Tito's Yugoslav liberation forces from the Bor copper mines in Serbia together with 1,600 other Jews who were deported from Hungary for slave labor in the mines.

ARABS URGED TO BOYCOTT AMERICAN GOODS IN PROTEST AGAINST ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A call to the Arabs of Palestine to boycott American goods in retaliation for President Roosevelt's statement promising his support for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine was issued today by the Palastin, leading Arab newspaper, following a meeting held by the Hussein Party at Gaza.

The meeting, which was greeted by representatives of the Palestine Government, adopted a resolution protesting the granting by the government last week of 10,500 immigration certificates for Jews under the provisions of the White Paper. Another resolution protested against President Roosevelt's statement.

The conference demanded Arab independence in Palestine and the "abolition of the Jewish National Home." It also resolved to ask the Palestine Government to prohibit individual Arabs from selling land to Jews.

It was reported here today that Dr. Khalil Toutan, head of the Quaker school at Ramalah, near Jerusalem, is soon to proceed to the United States to conduct pro-Arab propaganda.

BRAZIL'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAWS WILL BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY RACE

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The new immigration law which is now being considered by the government of Brazil, will be free from discrimination against any race or religion, Foreign Minister Villoso of Brazil assured Jacob Landa, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who arrived here today after a short stay in Brazil.

"Brazil has solved her racial problem," the Minister declared. "The Nazis tried hard but did not succeed in stirring up racial prejudice." He confirmed that the Brazilian Government has agreed to admit 500 or more refugee children from Europe. The details, he said, are being worked out with representatives of the Jewish Community.

Francisco Filho, director of the exchange division of the Bank of Brazil, promised that every consideration will be given to German anti-Nazis who, like the Nazis, were obliged to place ten to thirty percent of their funds at the disposal of the Bank of Brazil. Filho suggested that a committee of responsible men compile a list of German anti-Nazis in the country for his consideration.

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ARGENTINA FLOODING LATIN-AMERICA WITH ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA, SAYS LABOR LEADER

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government is flooding Latin-America with millions of anti-semitic pamphlets and other anti-democratic propaganda, it was charged today by Vicente Lombardo-Toledano, president of the Latin-American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Lombardo-Toledano, who is in this city en route home from Toronto where he attended the convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, told a press conference that it was difficult to estimate what influence the anti-Jewish propaganda is having in Latin-America, but that the labor movement in the democratic countries were combatting it. He described the anti-Jewish activities of the Argentine fascists as "intensive and widespread."

Discussing the question of post-war immigration by European refugees, he said that the organized labor movement in the Latin-American countries "would welcome all immigrants who wish to abide by the laws of the country and who desire to cooperate in the economic development of the nation." He pointed to the recent establishment of a "free port" by the Mexican Government as an indication of the attitude of democratic Latin-American countries toward refugees.

Mr. Lombardo-Toledano said that the refugees who have been admitted to the countries of Central and South America in the past decade have made a "loyal and splendid" contribution to the development of the nations which provided havens for them.

OVER 50,000 JEWISH OFFICERS AND MEN IN RED ARMY DECORATED FOR HEROISM IN BATTLE

MOSCOW, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- As of October 1st, 55,767 Jewish officers and men of the Red Army had been decorated for heroism in battle, it was announced here today. Jews rank fourth in the total of decorations awarded men of the various nationalities serving in the Russian forces.

At the same time, it was announced that Major-General Samuel Shapiro, chief of the engineering troops of the Red Army, has been awarded the Order of Suvorov, Second Class, for his success in forcing the crossing of the Vistula River in Poland. Gen. Shapiro already holds four high decorations. He has played an active part in the operations in Poland and the Ukraine since the onset of the Russian drive.

Another Jewish general, Matvei Weindraub, has also been decorated for assisting in the forcing of the Vistula. Gen. Weindraub was awarded the Order of Kutuzov, Second Class. He holds three other decorations and has been mentioned in an order-of-the-day issued by Marshal Stalin. Gen. Weindraub, who is only 35 years old, was born in Minsk.

ARREST FINNISH OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURN OF JEWISH REFUGEES TO GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Lieut. Aari Kauhanen, formerly of the Finnish state police, who was responsible for the extradition of Jewish refugees to Germany, has been arrested, the Morgon Tidningen reports today.

Kauhanen, who acted as liaison officer between the Gestapo and the Finnish police, personally escorted to Germany a Berlin Jewish journalist named Kernik, whose extradition was requested by Heinrich Himmler. Since the government policy was not to deport Jews, Kauhanen hid knowledge of the deportation from his superiors.

FIRST JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICE BROADCAST FROM GERMAN SOIL UNDER ARTILLERY FIRE

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- While German shells exploded 200 yards away, a group of fifty Jewish soldiers near Aachen yesterday held the first Jewish religious services to be broadcast from Nazi soil to the United States in a dramatic program presented by the American Jewish Committee over the coast to coast network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The ceremonies, held in the open air in a sector of the American First Army's front, emphasized the ideological struggle against Hitlerism by the participation of Catholic and Protestant chaplains in what was probably the first inter-faith demonstration held on German soil since the Nazis came to power.

Capping the historic occasion was the ironic fact that the program was short-waved from a spot near the scene where the Nazis, six years ago, destroyed the only synagogue in Aachen during the pogroms which swept Germany following the assassination of Ernst von Rath in Paris by a Polish Jewish youngster, Herschel Grynszpan.

Conducting the services was Chaplain Sidney M. Lefkowitz, formerly rabbi of Congregation Beth-Hahavah in Richmond, Va. Catholic Chaplain Edward J. Waters of Rochester, N. Y., and Protestant Chaplain Bernard F. Henry of Chambersbridge, Pa. made brief talks after the services.

As Chaplain Lefkowitz led the Jewish soldiers in the chant, "Ein Keholeinu," German artillery fire could distinctly be heard over the air in sharp punctuation. James Cassidy, NBC war correspondent who arranged the broadcast, later revealed in a trans-Atlantic telephone call to New York that the program was almost called off because of the disconcerting proximity of Nazi shells.

"We observe here not merely a religious service," Chaplain Lefkowitz declared; "it is far more than that. It is a proclamation that the days of darkness are passing, that the bastions from which they have moved forward have been besieged and soon will be destroyed, that worship of God is again restored in this part of the world."

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL COMMISSION DECIDES TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF JEWS IN UNITED STATES

CHICAGO, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A history of the Jews in the United States, by Anita Lebeson, will be published by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission, it was decided at its annual meeting. The meeting also decided to publish a volume on contemporary Jewish problems by Rabbi Jacob Weinstein.

The commission also resolved to institute an inquiry as to the possibility of extending Hillel service to the universities of Latin America. At present, the Hillel service is given to 55,000 students on 118 college campuses in the United States and Canada where the B'nai B'rith maintains Hillel Foundations and Counselorships. The meeting re-elected Henry Monsky as chairman of the Hillel Commission.

LEHMAN SAYS UNRRA CLOTHING COLLECTION IN SYNAGOGUES, CHURCHES EXCEEDS QUOTA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Director General Herbert H. Lehman of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration announced yesterday that the goal of 15,000,000 pounds set by the churches, parishes and synagogues in the Emergency collection of clothing for liberated Europe will be exceeded. His estimate is based on preliminary reports received from all parts of the United States. Baling of the garments has been started and is proceeding rapidly. Some shipments are ready to be moved overseas. Each bale will be stenciled "contributed by religious groups of the United States."

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