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BULGARIAN NATIONAL BANK CALLS UPON JEWS TO WITHDRAW THEIR "BLOCKED" VALUABLES

SOFIA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian National Bank today called upon Jews "to speed up the withdrawal from the bank of valuables which they deposited to the credit of the Commissioner for Jewish Affairs" under the orders of the previous pro-Nazi regime.

The appeal was made in a broadcast over the Sofia radio. The broadcast also announced that of 659 persons who will be tried this month as war criminals, nine are charged with anti-Jewish activities.

RUMANIA REINSTATES LIMITED NUMBER OF JEWISH LAWYERS; INTERVENES FOR DEPORTED JEWS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government today announced that Jewish lawyers who were members of the bar on September 15, 1936 would be reinstated "provided that they can prove that they had practiced for three years."

The Bucharest radio today reported that the Rumanian Government has asked the International Red Cross to investigate reports reaching here that Rumanian Jews deported from northern Transylvania to Germany, Hungary and other occupied territories, as well as Rumanians conscripted by Germany and Hungary for forced labor, are in danger of being "annihilated."

At the same time, the Foreign Office asked the Swiss Government to inform Berlin and Budapest that Rumania will take reprisals against German and Hungarian nationals living in this country if the Jews are harmed.

SPLIT ON PALESTINE ISSUE WIDENS AMONG JEWS IN ENGLAND; BOARD WILL ISSUE DECLARATION

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The serious differences which are developing between the Anglo-Jewish Association and Zionist leaders over the question of the post-war status of Palestine will assume a wider aspect next week after the Board of Deputies of British Jews issues a "Declaration of Palestine" in behalf of British Jewry.

It is understood that the Board of Deputies will demand that the United Nations proclaim Palestine, after an agreed period of transitional government, as a Jewish State or Commonwealth and that all Jews who wish to make their homes there shall have the right of entry, settlement and citizenship.

Leaders of the Board of Deputies emphasize that the national status conferred by the Jewish State or Commonwealth shall be confined to its own citizens, and shall not prejudice the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country. They also hope that the Jewish State or Commonwealth may find a legally secured place within the British Commonwealth of Nations. They are for equality of rights in the Jewish state for all citizens of Palestine, irrespective of race, religion and language, and urge that this equality be secured by international guarantee.

ANTI-SEMITIC GANGS TERRORIZE JEWS IN BUDAPEST; ROBBED BY THUGS POSING AS POLICEMEN

ZURICH, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Gangs posing as auxiliary police are terrorizing the Jewish population of Budapest, it was revealed today by the Budapest radio.

The broadcast reported that on the night of Oct. 17, a group of seven members of the Hungarian anti-Semitic Arrow Cross party herded all Jewish tenants in a Budapest building into the court yard and ordered them to place their valuables in a basket. They claimed that they were auxiliary police operating under instructions of a German captain. A police officer who happened to pass by established that the seven were imposters. However, the gang succeeded in escaping with valuables worth more than 100,000 pengoes in addition to 21,000 pengoes in cash.

ALGERIA CLEANSED OF ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION, JEWISH LEADER REPORTS; LAUDS J.D.C. RELIEF

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- All civil and political rights have been restored to the Jews of Algeria, and no traces of Vichy racial legislation remain, Elie Gozlan, secretary-general of the Jewish community of Algeria, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Mr. Gozlan arrived here from North Africa this week to attend the forthcoming World Jewish Conference in Atlantic City.

The abrogation of the Cremieux Decree by General Giraud has been revoked and state employees have been reinstated, with back pay for the period during which they were barred from their jobs. Professionals, who were barred from practicing by Vichy, have been restored to their pre-war status. All these measures, Mr. Gozlan said, await legal approval by the first elected French Parliament after hostilities have ceased.

The problem of the return of property confiscated or sold during the Vichy regime is a thorny one which has not yet been settled completely, Mr. Gozlan said. Property seized by the state and placed under the management of "administrators" has been returned to its former owners.

However, property sold by Jews after the Vichy anti-Semitic laws were announced, but before the enterprises could be confiscated, have not been returned. Mr. Gozlan is of the opinion that such property will eventually be restored to the original owners where they so desire. He believes, however, that property sold in anticipation of the Vichy laws, but prior to their promulgation, will remain in the possession of the new owners.

J.D.C. Saved Jews in North Africa from Catastrophe, Gozlan Says

Mr. Gozlan, who is also secretary-general of the Federation of Jewish Organizations in Algeria, through which relief funds obtained from the Joint Distribution Committee are distributed, had high praise for the J.D.C. assistance and the personal efforts of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the organization. J.D.C. aid, he said, saved the Jews of Algeria and Tunisia from "a complete catastrophe" both during the Vichy period and after the Allied invasion.

Prior to the casting of the Vichy administration, J.D.C. funds were used to assist refugees in Algeria and Tunisia, went to buy supplies which were sent to the 2,000 Jews imprisoned in concentration camps, and were used to supplement the aid given local Jews by the Jewish community institutions. In the two years that Algeria and Tunisia have been freed, Mr. Gozlan emphasized, J.D.C. has provided practically all relief, both for refugees and local needs.

NEW PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER PLEDGES GOOD-WILL AND FRIENDSHIP; COUNSELS PATIENCE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Palestine's new High Commissioner, Field Marshal Viscount Gort, today told the people of this country that he has brought "all the good will and friendship in his armory" to his post. He spoke briefly after he had taken the oath of office.

Thanking the population for the welcome extended him when he arrived yesterday, Lord Gort said: "This hour marks a milestone in my life and a new stretch of road which it is my earnest wish we will cover in harmony and friendship, which is my aim and goal."

Paying tribute to the outgoing High Commissioner, Sir Harold A. MacMichael, and appealing to the population "to have patience," the new High Commissioner asserted that a successful solution of all political issues hangs on recognition of what is or is not possible. "Let us, therefore," he continued, "all be far-seeing in our deliberations and always recall the advice proffered in the Book of Proverbs; 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'"

UNITED NATIONS ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ESTABLISH PALESTINE AS JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Allied Nations were urged to take steps now to proclaim Palestine a Jewish Commonwealth, at a mass-meeting tonight in Carnegie Hall held on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

Speakers at the meeting also urged Congress to pass the Palestine Resolution which demands unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. They pointed out that now that the military authorities have withdrawn their opposition to the resolution, there is no reason why the bill should not be acted on at once.

The meeting was arranged by the Zionist Organization of America and presided over by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the organization. Speakers included Senator Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Stephen S. Wise and others. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, sent a message to the gathering stating that "there is no justification for any further delay in the rendering of a decision on the part of the United Nations. The Balfour Declaration made twenty-seven years ago, favoring the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, must be given immediate force and effect."

Eleven Governors Commemorate Anniversary of Balfour Declaration

Eleven governors have taken action to commemorate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, it was announced today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

The Council disclosed that five governors have proclaimed November 2nd "Palestine Day" in their states, and six others, including Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, have issued statements on the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which pledged the reestablishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

Proclamations have been issued by Governor Sam C. Ford of Montana, Governor Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia, Governor Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland, Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana and Governor John C. Vivian of Colorado. Statements on the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration have been issued by Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut, Governor Robert O. Blood of New Hampshire, Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr. of Virginia, Governor Dewey, Governor Walter Edge of New Jersey and Governor Edward Martin of Pennsylvania.

ANTI-SEMITE SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL IN STAMFORD FOR ASSAULTING A RABBI

STAMFORD, Conn. Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Found guilty of assault and breach of the peace, Frederick Heath, a 27-year-old machinist, was sentenced in City Court here yesterday to six months in jail and \$100 fine for attacking a 65-year-old rabbi on a train.

The assaulted rabbi, Samuel Steinberg, who came to the United States from Hungary six years ago, said that he was reluctant to appear against the defendant. "I have no vengeance in my heart," he said. "But to turn the other cheek might encourage other attacks on my people at a time when millions of men and women are fighting racial discrimination and persecution. I owe an obligation to Jewish mankind. Both the witnesses and I know very well that the young man was not intoxicated."

The attack took place last Sunday in a New York, New Haven & Hartford train en route from New York to Stamford. The rabbi lost most of his beard. He was also beaten around the head and punched in the face. A soldier sitting behind the rabbi floored the assailant, who coupled his assaults with a stream of profane, anti-Semitic remarks, and other passengers sat on him until the train reached Stamford where the railroad police detained Heath and handed him over to local detectives.

BOSTON JEWISH APPEAL EXCEEDS QUOTA; MORE THAN \$2,250,000 RAISED IN 1944 CAMPAIGN

BOSTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The 1944 campaign of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston exceeded its \$2,250,000 quota, it was announced today by the campaign chairman, Louis H. Salvage. As of last night, \$2,269,000 had been contributed and several hundred pledge cards have not yet been turned in.

The 1944 quota was the largest ever undertaken by the Boston Jewish community and the second largest in the country. Mr. Salvage saw the success of the drive as an indication that American Jewry will not remain deaf to the urgent pleas for assistance by the Jews of Europe.

NEW YORK FEDERATION LAUNCHES CURRENT DRIVE; HOPES TO TOP PREVIOUS YEARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The annual campaign of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies was launched today by 8,000 volunteer workers. No definite financial goal has been set for the campaign, but Samuel S. Schneirson, chairman of the drive, expressed the hope that it will top all previous years because of the need for raising funds for current needs and preparations for post-war problems.

"The time for post-war preparedness is now," Mr. Schneirson said, "and not when the problems of families, war workers, youth delinquency and returning veterans will be upon us in flood tide." Each agency, he said, has set up its own post-war plan and the federation will undertake to pave the way financially for setting them into motion. These will include a wide variety of services, such as family welfare, juvenile aid and rehabilitation and employment for service men.

MIZRACHI ESTABLISHES \$500,000 CORPORATION TO BUILD HOUSES FOR WORKERS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Organization of America today announced the formation here of a corporation, capitalized at \$500,000, for the purpose of erecting homes in Palestine for sale to Jewish workers. The corporation will also purchase tools and industrial implements in the United States for sale in Palestine.