

RUMANIA CONSIDERING PAYMENT OF INDEMNITIES TO JEWS FOR CONFISCATED PROPERTY

BUCHAREST, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Jews in Rumania whose property was confiscated under the pro-Nazi regime will be able to ask payment of indemnities and may receive them under a plan which is now being drafted by a special government commission established by the Ministry of Justice, it was announced here today.

The plan provides that those entitled to indemnities would receive thirty per cent in cash and seventy per cent in bonds of the 1944 State Loan. The commission is composed of the Minister of Justice, the secretary of the Ministry, and Dr. William Filderman, leader of Rumanian Jewry. The commission is also putting final touches on a law under which Jews ejected from their homes by the previous regime will be authorized to return to their apartments.

The Jewish press in Bucharest is continuing to press for full restoration of rights to Jews. Commenting on the order recruiting Jews into the Rumanian army from which they were barred, the papers today point out that the government has no right to ask Jews to perform civil or military duties as long as they are not given full rights.

Government circles today stated that Germany will be asked by Rumanian authorities, through the Red Cross, to permit a Red Cross mission to enter the Reich and German-occupied territory for the purpose of establishing the fate of the Rumanian Jews there. Should the German Government refuse to grant permission, Rumania will take reprisals against Germans living on Rumanian soil.

It was learned here today that of 140,000 Jews who lived in Transylvania when the province was annexed in 1940 by Hungary, only 5,000 remain. A common grave of 128 Jews who were massacred in Transylvania by German and Hungarian troops at the end of August has just been discovered by Rumanian authorities.

JEWISH STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS EXPELLED BY VICHY CHEERED WHEN THEY RETURN TO SORBONNE

PARIS, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish students, expelled from the Sorbonne during the German occupation, were greeted with cheers today when they returned to their classes at the opening of the new semester. A rousing welcome was given Jewish professors who returned to their posts at the university.

Jewish students are being re-admitted to all colleges throughout France. The majority of them fought in the ranks of the French maquis during the occupation, and many of them were imprisoned in camps by the Gestapo. In most cases they are penniless.

Among the Jewish professors who returned to chairs at the Sorbonne are Gustave Cohen, professor of literature, and Louis Halphen, professor of history. Some Jewish professors are still inactive - although they are being paid - because their posts were filled during their exile. This is a delicate matter requiring adjustment. It is expected that the problem will be solved when the student body increases with the return of soldiers and war prisoners, necessitating an expansion of the teaching staff.

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GROUP OF JEWISH MAQUIS REACH PALESTINE FROM FRANCE; WILL JOIN JEWISH BRIGADE

HAIFA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Jewish maquis from France were among 434 refugees from Europe who disembarked today from the Portuguese steamer Guine which brought them here from Lisbon.

The maquis entered Spain with a group of Jewish children they brought out of France during the occupation. All of them plan to remain here and are anxious to enlist as soon as possible in the Jewish Brigade.

Most of the Guine passengers looked well and were adequately clothed as a result of assistance given them during their sojourn in Spain or Portugal by the Joint Distribution Committee. However, each had a heart-breaking tale of personal tragedy to relate. Some of the 60 children have no idea of what has happened to their parents, whether they are dead or alive.

The Guine's voyage was arranged by the Jewish Agency and the Hias-Ica Emigration Association and financed by the Joint Distribution Committee. Another transport of 400 Jews is scheduled to leave Lisbon for Palestine the beginning of next month, Jewish Agency officials said.

LEAGUE TO PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE AS A JEWISH DOMINION FORMED IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Formation of a "Jewish Dominion of Palestine League," whose purpose will be to secure the establishment by Britain of a Jewish state "on both sides of the Jordan" to be included within the British Commonwealth of Nations as a seventh dominion, was announced here today by Lord Strabolgi, Laborite peer, who will head the organization.

Lord Strabolgi outlined the following objectives of the league: promote the transformation of Palestine into a self-governing Jewish state on both sides of the Jordan; foster friendship between the British and Jewish peoples; and encourage friendship and cooperation between the proposed dominion and the surrounding Arab world.

These objectives can be attained, Lord Strabolgi continued, by taking the following steps: Adoption of legislative and economic measures to develop the largest possible Jewish settlement on both sides of the Jordan; preparation of a constitution ensuring equality to Arab residents of the proposed dominion and safeguarding the holy places of all faiths; extension of Empire marketing facilities to the dominion; and control of the territory involved by Parliament until the Jewish dominion is established.

Lord Strabolgi said that he has discussed the plan with the Colonial Secretary and other members of the government, as well as with leaders of the Labor Party, which, he said, wholeheartedly supports the scheme. He stated that he anticipated that such a dominion would settle the conflicts between Arabs and Jews in Palestine, since both could live side by side as different peoples do in South Africa and Canada. Branches of the league, the Laborite lord said, would be established in America and Europe.

NEW PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY ON VISIT TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Lord Gort, newly arrived High Commissioner of Palestine, was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd when he toured Tel Aviv during the week-end. He was received by Mayor Israel Rokach, who reviewed this all-Jewish city's history. In a brief address, Lord Gort promised he would cooperate with all the inhabitants of Palestine to further the general welfare.

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW EMPHASIZES BRAVERY OF RUSSIAN JEWRY ON BATTLE FRONTS

MOSCOW, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Russian Jewry's pride at the fact that Jews hold fourth place among the heroes of various nationalities decorated by the Red Army for bravery on the battle front, is expressed in a statement issued here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the October Revolution which brought the present regime in Russia to power.

"We, Soviet Jews, are proud of the fact that among the valiant Red Army soldiers honored by the Soviet Government, our fearless brothers and sisters have held fourth place all through the patriotic war," the statement says. "We don't for a moment forget the enormous toll in human lives exacted from all peoples and from our Jewish people among them."

The statement emphasizes that "the day is close at hand" when Germany will be completely defeated. "A new era is beginning in the life of all mankind, in the life of all peoples, in the life of our long-suffering people," it points out. "The victory of the Allied Nations will bring about reconstruction of the world on principles of true friendship among people, on principles of justice and freedom."

YOUNG COLONEL, HOLDING SIXTEEN AWARDS, IS MOST DECORATED AMERICAN JEWISH SERVICEMAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Lt. Colonel Robert S. Levine, of Columbus, Ohio, is the most decorated American Jewish serviceman, having sixteen decorations for valor, the National Jewish Welfare Board reports today.

Although only 26 years old, Levine, who enlisted in May 1940, is now an air squadron commander, and wears the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, ten Oakleaf Clusters to the Air Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation and the Croix de Guerre.

Levine distinguished himself in North Africa and through the Italian campaign. He is officially credited with shooting down four German planes. He has flown 160 aerial missions covering 83 combat hours. As pilot of a Spitfire and commander of his squadron, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross for his "outstanding leadership, resourcefulness and initiative;" "his superior tactical knowledge," according to the award citation, was of "high inspiration to all who have served under him."

He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action during some sixty sorties in the Tunisian campaign where, said the award citation, "by his keen professional knowledge of fighter tactics and personal example," he was an inspiration to the men of his squadron. He was further lauded for greatly improving the squadron's tactics and technique. The Presidential Citation covered the squadron which he commanded in Italy, a group of Mustang fighters operating in Rome.

BRITISH FASCIST UNION REORGANIZES UNDER NEW NAME; ATTACK JEWS AT HYDE PARK MEETING

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Members of the outlawed British Union of Fascists, of which Sir Oswald Mosley was the founder, have reorganized under the name of "League of Ex-Servicemen and Women."

At their first meeting in Hyde Park, yesterday, speakers, who included several persons released from detention recently by Home Minister Herbert Morrison, made the usual anti-Semitic attacks on Jews. They were frequently interrupted by irate listeners. Police officers took the names of those who spoke.

1,000 CLERGYMEN FORM GROUP TO AID ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE IN COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM

CHICAGO, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The formation of Christian Friends of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith was announced here at the conclusion of the four-day annual conference of the national commission of the League, which discussed measures to combat prejudice and to foster interfaith understanding.

The conference, which was also attended by regional office directors of the organization, was addressed by Sigmund Livingston, chairman of the League, who pointed out that one of the most disturbing conditions in American life today is the fact that prejudice is being expressed privately in groups throughout the country by men and women in the higher social strata.

"This," he said, "is of greater danger than the ranting of professional anti-Semites." He reported that about 1,000 clergymen have enlisted in the Christian Friends of the Anti-Defamation League and will use their prestige and facilities to correct misconceptions about Jews through spoken and written word.

Officers of the commission named at the conference are: Sigmund Livingston, commission chairman; Philip W. Haberman, New York, honorary chairman; Harold Lachman, Chicago, vice-chairman; Max Schneider, New York, treasurer, and Richard E. Gutstadt, secretary and director of the Anti-Defamation League.

THE DAY, YIDDISH NEWSPAPER, CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY; ROOSEVELT GREETES PUBLISHER

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, Governor Dewey of New York, Dr. Chaim Weizmann and a number of other Jewish and non-Jewish personalities yesterday greeted Morris Weinberg, publisher of the Jewish daily newspaper "The Day," on the occasion of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the paper.

The occasion was marked by the publication of a special anniversary issue in four sections and by the introduction of an English section which will appear in the Sunday edition. President Roosevelt, in his message from the White House, said that "The Day" has become a national institution during the thirty years of its existence and that "most Americans are aware of its influence."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA PROCLAIMS "J.D.C. SABBATH" THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout the United States will honor the Joint Distribution Committee, which is entering its thirtieth year of overseas rescue, relief and rehabilitation, by observing Saturday, December 2, as "J.D.C. Sabbath." The observance was announced today by the Synagogue Council of America through its president, Rabbi Herbert Goldstein.

Member congregations of the Synagogue Council, comprised of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations, will hear sermons reviewing the accomplishments of the J.D.C. in its three decades of service to Jewry, and rabbis will survey the work which the J.D.C. will have to do in the post-war years.

REFUGEES AT FORT ONTARIO START PUBLICATION OF THEIR OWN NEWSPAPER IN THREE LANGUAGES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The community of refugees at Fort Ontario is to have its own weekly newspaper written and edited by, for, and about the members of the emergency refugee shelter, it was announced here today by the War Relocation Authority. The first issue of "The Ontario Chronicle" will be distributed this Thursday. It will be published in English with German and Yugoslav supplements.