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BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES DECREE RESCINDING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS; CITIZENSHIP RESTORED

SOFIA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government today promulgated a decree rescinding the last anti-Jewish measures on the statute books.

The law provides that "all orders contained in laws, statutes and regulations issued after January 23, 1941 which limit the rights of Bulgarian subjects or those of non-Bulgarian origin" are rescinded. It also states that Jews living in Sofia on that date are entitled to reside here.

Another section provides for the restoration of citizenship to all Jews who emigrated after January, 1940, and who were subsequently disfranchised by the pro-Nazi regime. Such persons, however, must return to Bulgaria within six months and furnish proof that they have renounced any foreign nationality which they may have assumed since they emigrated.

HUNGARY SEEKS TO BARTER JEWS FOR SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF PRO-NAZI CABINET

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Swedish press today reported that the pro-Nazi government of Hungary is trying to barter the lives of 4,500 Jews for Swedish recognition of the present Hungarian regime. The report adds that the Swedish Government is making all possible efforts to save Jews in Hungary without submitting to these blackmail tactics.

The 4,500 Jews involved are all holders of Swedish "protective passports." The Szalasi Government has notified the Swedish Foreign Ministry that it will disregard the protection which the 4,500 Hungarian Jews enjoy as a result of their Swedish passports and will apply to them all anti-Jewish laws, unless Sweden recognizes it.

In a radio broadcast today, Laszlo Bankuti, vice-president of the National Defense Association in Budapest, warned Hungarians against displaying any sympathy for Jews. "One hears on every side remarks of misled Hungarians when seeing groups of Jewish men and women led to labor service, such as 'poor Jews! Do you pity the Jews because they have to work and must leave their residences in yellow-starred houses?'" Bankuti said.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE VOTES TO ADMIT GROUP OPPOSED BY LABOR COMMITTEE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today voted to admit the delegates of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, over the objections of the Jewish Labor Committee, which charged that the former organization was Communist-dominated. The issue was placed before the entire conference after a favorable recommendation had been made by the general committee, which yesterday heard the delegates of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Immediately after the vote, the delegation of the Jewish Labor Committee, which came here to present the group's argument against admission of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, left for New York. Members of the delegation told the press

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that the Labor Committee will not participate in the present session of the conference and that a further statement will be issued in New York.

Today's session was devoted chiefly to addresses by the delegates on the question of rescue. Addresses were also delivered by several guest speakers including Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, a member of the National Council of the Polish Government-in-Exile; Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency; and Alex L. Easterman, a leader of the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Addressing a plenary session of the conference last night, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and a member of the Conference's interim committee, dealt with the situation of the Jews in Europe, and the efforts to secure a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. "Our enemies are still very active and unscrupulous," Dr. Silver said. Jews, he added, must move rapidly on the long road toward a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Commenting on the report of the Rescue Commission of the Conference, Dr. Silver said that we have been unable to rescue "one fraction of a fraction." He warned the delegates against raising their hopes too high, pointing out that "we are going into a decade of tensions, strains and adjustments for Jews, perhaps not only in Europe, but elsewhere."

MEMBERS OF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ATTEND REDEDICATION OF BELGRADE SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Rededication of the first synagogue in Belgrade to resume services since the Yugoslav capital was liberated from the Germans took place over the week-end, the Belgrade radio reported today.

Present at the services were civil and military representatives of the new Yugoslav Government, including Moshe Piade, prominent Jewish member of the Tito Government. In the congregation were members of Allied military missions, Jewish partisans and the few Belgrade Jews who survived the occupation. Prayers were recited for these who fell in the battle to liberate Belgrade.

DELEGATION OF FRENCH-JEWISH LEADERS ARRIVES HERE; FIRST FROM LIBERATED FRANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The four-member delegation from France, the first from a liberated country of Europe, which was to have arrived in time to attend the War Emergency Conference of the World Jewish Congress in Atlantic City last week, arrived in New York this morning.

They are: Guy Alphonse de Rothschild; Leon Meiss, president of the Central Jewish Consistory of France; Jacob Kaplan, acting Chief Rabbi of France; and Joseph Fischer, secretary of the Representative Council of French Jewry.

BROTMAN, LEADER OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A. G. Brotman, executive secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has arrived here from London to discuss with American Jewish organizations various problems concerning post-war Jewish demands.

AUSTRALIA WILL SOON ANNOUNCE POST-WAR MIGRATION POLICY; PARLIAMENT IS TOLD

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Australian Cabinet will shortly announce its decisions on a post-war migration policy, the House of Representatives was told today by Acting Prime Minister Francis Forde.

RUSSIA WILL NO LONGER CONSIDER ANTI-SEMITISM AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF EACH COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A warning that Soviet Russia will no longer consider anti-Semitism a purely internal affair of the country where it is practiced, is published in the information bulletin of the Soviet embassy here, in an article by Vladimir Komarov, president of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Citing the text of a reply given by Joseph Stalin in 1931 to the Jewish telegraphic Agency with regard to his views on anti-Semitism, Prof. Komarov points out that Stalin, in his statement, declared: "Anti-Semitism, as an extreme form of racial chauvinism, is the most dangerous survival of cannibalism. In the USSR anti-Semitism is prosecuted most severely as a phenomenon profoundly inimical to the Soviet system. According to the laws of the USSR, active anti-Semites are punished by death."

Prof. Komarov then goes on to point to the German mass-extinction of Jews in the Maidanek and other camps and emphasizes that the basis for these mass-executions was actually laid down through "stupid anti-Semitic jokes" in the beer halls of Munich."

"This," Prof. Komarov says, "is why our attitude towards racial hatred today is different from our attitude in the days of our youth. In those days we merely . . . felt like turning our backs on an infamous and vile spectacle. Today we shall not turn our backs on it until we have stamped it out, pulled it up by the roots, and taken all measures against its recurrence."

Taking issue with those who are inclined "to forget and forgive" the Germans for their annihilation of Jews and other innocent civilians, the head of the Academy of Sciences, warns that any leniency that will be shown to the Germans for Maidanek will only "pave the way for new fascist pogroms."

"When any country gives shelter to the Hitlerites or their ideas in the form of discriminatory legislation, in the form of racist organizations or a racist press, it is no longer an internal affair of that country," Komarov writes. "If your neighbor uncovers in his backyard a container of poison gases that threaten to spread over the entire town, you do not waste time by asking permission to enter his backyard and thus avert the death of thousands of people. Racist ideas are more dangerous than any poison gas. It is our generation's great duty to the future, to the cause of progress, civilization and humanity, not only to put out the smoking bonfire of fascism but to uncover and extinguish every one of its smoldering coals," the article concludes.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD EVIDENCE USED IN TRIAL OF MAIDANEK EXECUTIONERS; FIVE TO BE HANGED

MOSCOW, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The report of the American War Refugee Board, in which the murder of Jews at the Oswiecim and Birkenau death camps in Poland was described, was read into the court record during the trial of five officials of the Maidanek camp, which concluded in Lublin yesterday when the executioners were sentenced to hang, it was announced by the Moscow radio. The Nazis will be hanged publicly, the broadcast said.

GERMANS DOOM THREE CZECHS FOR AIDING JEWS; JEWISH PARTISAN CAPTURED IN SLOVAKIA

ZURICH, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Three Czechs, two women and one man, have been sentenced to death by the German occupation authorities for assisting Jews, a German newspaper published in Prague reports.

A Nazi Transocean dispatch from Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, reveals the capture of a 23-year-old Jewish partisan, Mark Einstein, who is accused of attempting to poison the city's water supply.

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WEIZMANN HONORED ON PALESTINE RADIO PROGRAM; SENDS GIFT TO CHURCHILL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Palestine Broadcasting System's "vocal newspaper" program was devoted last night to Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Prominent speakers, including Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, participated.

During the week-end the Palestine Journalists Association was host to Dr. Weizmann at a birthday celebration at the Press Club in Tel Aviv, after which the Zionist leader accompanied the newspapermen to a performance in his honor by the Bimah Theatre.

A birthday message from the Board of Deputies of British Jews was cabled here over the wires of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which conveyed the message to Dr. Weizmann at Rehovoth, where he resides.

On the occasion of Prime Minister Churchill's 70th birthday, which he observed on Friday, Dr. Weizmann "as one septuagenarian to another" sent Mr. Churchill a case of Rehovoth grapefruit.

347 BUKHARIAN JEWS REACH PALESTINE; REPATRIATED PALESTINIAN WAR PRISONERS ARRIVE HOME

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Three-hundred and forty-seven Bukharian Jews arrived here today after a two-year voyage, necessitated by Iraq's refusal to grant them transit visas. The group travelled by sea by way of India.

Forty exchanged Jewish war prisoners from Palestine also arrived here today. They left Germany two months ago. They are the fourth group of Palestinians to be repatriated.

HEBREW TEACHERS' COLLEGE RAISES SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS TO PROFESSIONAL RANKS

BOSTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Eisig Silberschlag, noted Hebrew poet, has been raised to the rank of professor by the Hebrew Teachers' College here of which he is a member of the faculty, it was announced here today. Other professorships were given to Dr. Nahum N. Glatzer, Jochanan Twersky, Israel Pollack and Benjamin J. Shevach, all members of the faculty.

Dr. Silberschlag, who is 42 years old, received his doctorate at Vienna University. He came to the United States at the age of 18. He is the author of several volumes of poetry, essays and of a play "In the Days of Isabella."

DR. ARIEH TARTAKOWER NAMED TO SOCIOLOGY CHAIR OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University today announced the appointment of Dr. Arieh Tartakower, Polish-Jewish leader now residing in the United States, as a lecturer in sociology at the university. He will occupy the "Arthur Ruppin Memorial Chair" a grant for which was made to the university in honor of the late sociologist. Efforts are being made to secure transportation for Dr. Tartakower.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY IS AGAINST ENACTMENT OF POST-WAR CONSCRIPTION PROPOSALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Social Justice Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, an organization representing the Conservative rabbis in America, has communicated to the House Military Affairs Committee its request that no vote on post-war conscription proposals be taken until representatives of synagogues, churches and other organizations have presented their views at open hearings, it was announced today by Dr. Robert Gordis, president of the Assembly.

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