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LAST 75,000 JEWS IN BUDAPEST IN DANGER OF BEING MASSACRED, ALARMING MESSAGE WARNS

GENEVA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here are alarmed over the fate of the Jews of Budapest, as a result of a message reaching here today stating that pro-Nazi Premier Ferenc Szalasy has threatened to massacre all the Jews in the city prior to its occupation by the Russian forces.

It is known here that no more than 75,000 Jews remained in Budapest at the beginning of this month after a pogrom during which many thousands of Jews were killed, and following the "death march" of 100,000 Budapest Jews to the Austrian frontier. No report has reached Jewish organizations in Switzerland as to what has happened to the remaining 75,000 Budapest Jews since the early part of December. However, today's message quotes Premier Szalasy as stating: "I ask no mercy from anybody, but I shall also show no mercy to the Jews."

It is assumed in well-informed Jewish circles here that not a single Jew will remain alive in besieged Budapest if last-minute efforts are not made from the outside to prevent Szalasy from carrying out his threat. Special anti-Semitic Arrow-Cross units have been assigned to watch the Jewish ghetto and to carry out Szalasy's threat before retreating from the city, the message indicated.

"The Szalasy regime is determined to leave no Jew in Hungary alive, and has in this respect the full support of the German authorities," says the message. "Only the tortures of Jews in the Maidanek and Oswiecim camps can be compared with the martyrdom of the Jews in Hungary today," it adds.

Other reports reaching here reveal that Jews in the Budapest ghetto have not been permitted to obtain food for several days. They also emphasize that no distinction is being made any longer between Jews who have Hungarian passports and those who were given Swedish and Swiss "security passports." They estimate that 14,000 Jews in Budapest were holders of Palestine immigration certificates and "security passports" of neutral countries, but point out that nothing is known of the fate of these Jews since the "death march" in which many of them were forced to walk for seven days and nights to the Austrian border under constant rains, and practically without food.

130,000 JEWS KILLED IN LWOV "GHETTO CAMP" SOVIET STATE COMMISSION REPORTS

MOSCOW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- More than 130,000 Jews were killed in a special German "ghetto camp" in the Lwow province in Poland in the period from September 7, 1941 to June 6, 1943, it was announced over the week-end by the Soviet Extraordinary State Commission Investigating War Crimes. The camp was one of several in the Lwow area in which a total of 700,000 persons were killed, including American and British citizens, the commission said.

SURVIVING GREEK JEWS IMPOVERISHED; LITTLE PROSPECT OF PROPERTY BEING RETURNED

CAIRO, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The few thousand Jews remaining in Greece are so impoverished that former wealthy bankers, lawyers and doctors wander the streets barefoot, begging for a few drachmas to purchase Red Cross rations, whose cost just covers the expenses of distribution, officials of the Greek Government Information Office here disclosed.

The difficulties faced by the Greek Jews are complicated by the fact that many of them destroyed all evidence of their identity and assumed non-Jewish names in order to avoid seizure by the Germans. One of the most urgent tasks of the Jewish councils set up in Salonika and Athens is to re-establish the identity of these fugitives and get them documents which will, at least, entitle them to ration cards.

Although, officially, Jews are supposed to have their confiscated property restored, in practice it will be impossible to do much for them, except in the case of real estate. Liquid assets are gone for good and even many apartments in which Jews formerly dwelt have been requisitioned for refugees.

By chance the apartment of the president of the Athens Jewish Community has been left intact, but his is the only one that was spared. When the Germans invaded the Greek capital the Wehrmacht requisitioned the apartment and left the key with the doorman. Although, for some reason, members of the Wehrmacht never occupied the apartment, it was saved from the Gestapo.

As soon as Greece was liberated relief for the Jews was organized here. A Greek-Jewish philanthropist who resided in Alexandria, Nello Levy, went to Greece with ten-thousand pounds to assist needy Jews. The South African War Appeal also sent ten-thousand pounds, while the Joint Distribution Committee furnished additional assistance. All relief was channelled through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Greek Government Information Office spokesman stated.

COMMANDER LAUDS FIGHTING SPIRIT OF JEWISH SOLDIERS IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The fighting spirit of Jews in the ranks of the Polish Army was highly praised today by Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commander of the Polish Second Corps, in an interview published in Dziennik Polski, organ of the Polish Government-in-Exile.

Emphasizing that very few Jews have deserted from the Polish Army "since the desertions in the Middle East," Gen. Anders, who commands Polish troops in Italy, said that "the Jews have fought well on the front-lines and have done excellent work also in other capacities in the Polish Army."

Speaking of the Jewish officers and men who have fallen on the battlefields, Gen. Anders said that the second Polish Army Corps has 858 Jews, including 132 officers, of whom one officer and 27 men were killed in action and one officer and 51 men were wounded.

The ratio of Jewish officers to Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army is one to six, while among Poles the ratio is one to seventeen, he disclosed. There is also one Jewish chaplain to each 415 soldiers of Jewish faith.

EIGHT MILLIONS DOLLARS SPENT ON JEWISH YOUTHS BROUGHT FROM EUROPE TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The sum of \$8,000,000 was spent to transport and maintain 13,000 Jewish youngsters brought from Europe to Palestine since Hitler came to power, it was announced here today. The aim of the Jewish Agency at present is to bring to Palestine 20,000 Jewish children from liberated parts of Europe, George Landauer, Jewish Agency spokesman said.

A delegation of relatives of Jews who have been deported from Palestine to the Island of Mauritius visited the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government and urged that the government at least permit the return to Palestine of deportees who have relatives here. The delegation also asked the government to permit the sending of medical supplies, food and clothing to the Mauritius internees.

ARAB DELEGATION PRESENTS "CONSIDERABLE DONATION" TO GOEBBELS IN BERLIN

ZURICH, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The German news agency DNE today reported that a delegation of Arabs was received by Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Minister of Propaganda, and handed over to him "a considerable donation" as an expression of "Arab friendship with National Socialist Germany."

The check was transferred by Goebbels to the German Red Cross, the report added. In accepting it, Goebbels told the delegation that "the fight of the German forces is directed against the Jewish world and Anglo-American imperialism, both of which are traditional enemies of the Arab world."

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE RESTORES HEILBRONER TO COUNCIL OF STATE; FATE UNKNOWN

PARIS, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- A special decree of the Minister of Justice published yesterday restores to membership in the Council of State, supreme French administrative body, Jacques Heilbronner, former president of the Jewish Consistory.

Heilbronner was removed by Vichy in 1940 and deported, together with his wife, in November, 1943, after sending Petain a vigorous protest against the racial legislation introduced by Vichy. He was 73 at the time he was deported, and had just undergone a serious operation. There has been no word of him since.

The special decree restores his membership in the Council as of the date of his removal and places him on the retired list because of his age, with pension and rank of honorary president of the section.

ARCHIVES OF VILNA JEWISH MUSEUM DISCOVERED IN SHAVLI; SOME UNEARTHED IN PAPER FACTORY

MOSCOW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The greater part of the archives of the Jewish museum in Vilna were discovered this week buried in one of the streets of Shavli, near Kaunas, it was reported here today.

Among the documents unearthed are manuscripts of Jewish writers and opera scores, as well as a collection of posters announcing plays produced in Jewish theatres all over the world for the last thirty years. Other material from the archives were discovered in one of the paper factories in Shavli.

MEXICAN KEREN HAYESOD PROCLAIMS 750,000 PESO CAMPAIGN; WEIZMANN HONORED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- A 750,000 peso campaign for the Keren Hayesod was proclaimed here at a mass meeting to mark the 70th birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Speakers included Leon Dultzin, vice-president of the Mexican Keren Hayesod.

POSSIBILITIES OF POST-WAR IMMIGRATION TO LATIN AMERICA DISCUSSED BY HIAS-ICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The possibilities of post-war immigration to Latin American countries were discussed here at a dinner tendered by the Hias-Ica Emigration Association to representatives of the Jewish communities of Central and South America now in this country.

The representatives from Argentina, Venezuela and Colombia were pessimistic about immigration prospects in their countries, while the representatives from Cuba, Uruguay, Chile and Mexico were more optimistic. All present lauded the activities of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association in Latin America. The dinner was addressed by Max Gottschalk, president of the Association, and by Abraham Herman, president of the Hias.

LOUIS LAMED FOUNDATION LITERARY AWARDS PRESENTED AT RECEPTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The 1945 Louis Lamed Foundation prizes for Yiddish and Hebrew literature were presented last night at a reception in the Park Central Hotel, attended by more than 1,000 guests. Present to receive the \$250 awards were five American writers, while the sixth will be sent to H. Ayalta of Montevideo, Uruguay. Those to whom prizes were presented last night include Joseph Opata, Shm. Aron Zeitlin, Harry Sackler, A. Epstein and Dr. S. Feigin.

CHRISTMAS-CHANUKAH PARTY HELD FOR CHILDREN AT UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- With a pageant of Nativity and the lighting of the Menorah taking place side by side, the University Settlement here, said to be the oldest settlement house in the country, held a Christmas-Hanukah party, jointly commemorating the birth of Christ and the battle in which Judas Maccabeus led the Jews to freedom.

Gentile and Jewish children participated in the party, at which Christmas carols and Hebrew songs were sung by all the children. Charles Cook, headworker at the settlement, presided at the party.

BEN ROSEN, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Ben Rosen, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, who died at his home here yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 50 years old. Mr. Rosen became ill on a western tour for the association.

From 1921 until he took the post he held at death Mr. Rosen was director of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Philadelphia, the central agency for Jewish education in that city. Earlier he had served for two years as supervisor of instruction for the Boston Bureau of Jewish Education. Born in Baltimore, Mr. Rosen attended Teachers College, Columbia University, and Harvard University, receiving a master of education degree from the latter in 1921. He completed his Jewish educational course at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1913.

He made surveys of Jewish educational activities in several cities, including Cleveland, Detroit, New York and Baltimore. Since 1934 he had been chief editor of "Jewish Education," published by the National Council for Jewish Education, of which he was secretary in 1927 and president in 1929.