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GREEK JEWS ARRESTED AND DEPORTED; ACCUSED BY COLLABORATORS OF BEING "EAM CONSPIRATORS"

ATHENS, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Once again Greek Jews are paying a heavy price for being Jews. Hounded and persecuted by the Nazis for almost four years, 5,000 Greek Jews who managed to save their lives are again being hunted down, arrested, mistreated and in some cases, deported.

In November 1943, the SS leader, Gen. von Stroop, applied the Nazi racial laws to Greece. The older Jews hid in the homes of Athenian Greeks. Those young Jews who had not already gone to the mountains skipped out with Chief Rabbi Barzilai to free Greece, and joined the ELAS guerrilla forces in the resistance movement against the Germans.

After the German withdrawal from Greece last October, those young men were granted leave by the ELAS and returned to Athens to find what was left of their families, and to attempt to reorganize their lives. The older people came out of hiding to find their homes plundered by Nazis and their Greek collaborators, and all their business enterprises in the hands of Quislings and their friends. At the time the trouble broke out early last month, Greek Jews had been pressing the Greek authorities to take the necessary legal measures for the return of their properties to them.

Now that the "white terror" is on, these Quislings are using a made-to-order pretext in an attempt to hold down their illegal gains, and they are condemning all Jews as EAM sympathizers or as ELAS "conspirators."

Even those young Greek Jews who had belonged to the mountain units of ELAS, and thus could not have taken any part in the Athens battle, are being denounced by these Greek Quislings and fascists, arrested and deported to Africa.

Older members of the Jewish community here who had not been troubled are now without any protection, support or aid. The International Red Cross has helped a few of the poorest with some food and old clothing. It is estimated that there are 1,250 families here in a serious state, unable to get shelter, clothing or food.

MOYNE TRIAL DELAYED BY CHANGE IN PROSECUTOR'S CHARGES; ASKS DEATH FOR BOTH DEFENDANTS

CAIRO, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The trial of the two Palestinian Jews being tried for the assassination of Lord Moyne was prolonged today when the prosecution, in an attempt to obtain the death penalty for both defendants, moved that Ephraim Ben Zuri be held equally responsible with Elisha Khakim for the murder of Moyne.

The original indictment charged Khakim with killing Moyne, and acting as an accessory in the murder of his chauffeur, and charged Ben Zuri with murdering the chauffeur and being an accessory in the death of Moyne. Since it has been agreed in

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court that the shooting of the chauffeur was unpremeditated, there was a possibility that even if Khakim was condemned to death, Ben Zuri would escape with a lighter sentence. The prosecutor based his request for a change in the indictment on the fact that both have admitted that they came to Egypt for the purpose of killing Moyne.

At the request of defense counsel Hassan Hosni, the court granted an adjournment until tomorrow to give the defense an opportunity to prepare new arguments based on the altered indictment. At the same time, the court named a doctor to examine Khakim in an effort to determine whether or not he is over 18, a point on which the defense and prosecution disagree. If Khakim were proven to be younger than 18, he could not, under Egyptian law, be sentenced to death.

Prior to adjournment, the prosecutor, replying to previous arguments by Abdel Fattah el Said Bey, one of the defense attorneys, said that the acquittal of David Frankfurter, who murdered the Nazi agent Gustloff in Switzerland, and of Sholom Schwarzbard, who assassinated the anti-Semitic leader Petlura in Paris, could not be considered by the court since all the facts are not available to it. He pointed out that political assassins have been sentenced to death in the past by Egyptian courts, and asserted that the Egyptian criminal code does not provide for any specific punishment for political offenses.

Fair Trial for Moyne Assassins Demanded on Senate Floor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The two young Palestinians who assassinated Lord Moyne "must get a fair and just trial, lest they, too, be added to the staggering toll of Hebrew martyrs in this war," Senator William Langer, North Dakota Republican, said on the Senate floor yesterday.

Senator Langer denounced the censorship which prohibited newspaper correspondents from reporting "a single word" of the two-hour defense in which the two explained the reasons and motives "which led them to their unfortunate act of despair." He expressed the hope that the British authorities in Egypt, "who have probably forced this procedure upon the Egyptian judges trying this case, will rectify their grossly erroneous decision."

6,200,000 JEWS MURDERED BY GERMANS IN POLAND SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR, SOMMERSTEIN REPORTS

LUBLIN, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Only 15,000 Jews survive in liberated Poland, Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Jewish Relief Committee here, said today, in a Yiddish broadcast on the Lublin radio beamed to Britain, the United States and Palestine.

Dr. Sommerstein said that 6,200,000 Jews have died in Poland since the outbreak of the war. Of them 3,000,000 were foreign Jews brought to German death camps from all parts of Europe and the others were Polish Jews. "Not all of them died from physical and mental torture," the Jewish leader said. "Many fell fighting in the ghetto at Warsaw and elsewhere, and others died fighting with the partisans.

Those who survived, he continued, either took to the woods, where they joined guerrilla bands, hid in cellars and other ruins, or were saved by Polish friends. All of them have lost everything. "Our past, the only sure foundation of our present, is irretrievably gone," Dr. Sommerstein declared. "Nevertheless, we have faith in the indestructible Jewish nation."

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REORGANIZATION OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN ITALY DISCUSSED AT ROME MEETING

ROME, Jan. 16. (JTA) — The first Zionist conference to be held in Italy since Mussolini introduced anti-Jewish laws in 1938 today discussed the various problems involved in reorganizing the Zionist Federation of Italy and resuming normal Zionist activities here. The conference, which was formally opened Friday night in the Rome synagogue, is being attended by 50 delegates, who represent Zionists of Italian, German, Polish and Yugoslav nationality.

One of the immediate problems which must be settled is selection of the 900 persons to whom the Palestine immigration certificates allotted to Italy will be assigned. It is expected that Jews with agricultural training and those with families in Palestine will be given preference. No final decision will be made, however, until the arrival of a representative of the Jewish Agency.

(It was announced in Jerusalem today that Dr. Umberto Nachon, former president of the Zionist organization in Milan, is leaving for Italy this week as the representative of the Jewish Agency. He will supervise emigration of refugees and will deal with other relief problems. His mission has been approved by British authorities.)

Many Palestinian soldiers stationed in Italy are attending the conference as observers. Greetings have been received from Chief Rabbi Israel Zolli, Chaplain Jacob Hochman of the American army, Chaplain Berman of the British forces and Reuben Resnik, representative here of the Joint Distribution Committee, which is financing, among other activities, the "hachschara" program, which provides training for youths planning to emigrate to Palestine.

NEARLY 10,000 JEWS CONFINED IN GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN HANOVER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) — The number of Jews in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Hanover, Germany, is larger than anyone has heretofore believed, JTA learned today from an official source. A completely reliable report indicates it is one of the larger concentrations of Jews in Germany.

At the end of last November, 9,188 Jews were at Bergen-Belsen, according to the report. Of these 4,500 were Jews from Holland, Belgium; 3,500 were Slovakian and Hungarian women and girls; 349 were Polish Jews; 300 were Jews of Spanish and Portuguese nationality; 150 were Greek; 89 Hungarian, and another 300 were of unspecified nationality.

BURIAL OF BERGSON IN PANTHEON URGED BY CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND JEWISH LEADERS

PARIS, Jan. 16. (JTA) — A proposal that the remains of Henri Bergson, famous Jewish philosopher, who died in January, 1941, be transferred to the Pantheon, shrine of France's illustrious great, is made in a letter signed by Maurice Schumann, Catholic resistance leader, appearing in the Catholic newspaper L'Aube. The letter also suggests that Romain Rolland, noted novelist who died last month, and Charles Peguy, author and writer, who defended Capt. Dreyfus, be buried with him.

In the letter, which has elicited favorable response from Cardinal Suhard, Grand Rabbi Julian Weil and Pastor Boegner, head of the French Protestant Church, Schumann says that "the honor (of interring him in the Pantheon) will allow to enter with him all oppressed, all persecuted and all exiles, because he closely identified himself with men who suffered most from tyranny because he was of their blood. His admission to the Pantheon will be a striking reparation due and given to Israelites and, in them, to all hostages, to all deportees and to all those whom the monstrous regime tried to segregate from the human community."

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\$1,500,000 QUOTA FOR 1945 OVERSEAS RELIEF NEEDS SUGGESTED TO CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

MONTREAL, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A 1945 quota of \$1,500,000 for overseas relief, three times the amount raised last year, was proposed last night at the sixth plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress at the King Edward Hotel here.

Discussions are still continuing concerning the place of the Joint Distribution Committee, the World Jewish Congress, and smaller agencies such as Ort and Ose, in the Canadian Jewish relief program. Moses A. Leavitt, secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, participated in a general debate on the subject of overseas relief.

A session on public relations problems heard a report stating that the situation as far as anti-Semitism is concerned has improved and that the Canadian press has almost unanimously joined in combatting race hatred. Irving Gelbaum, of Toronto, chairman of the session, said that all of Canada is aware of the Canadian Jewish contributions to victory.

Reporting to the Women's Division of the Congress, Mrs. Samuel Bronfman revealed that 750,000 service men and women have visited the sixteen centers operated by the Congress women and that 13,000,000 cigarettes have been sent to men overseas.

Samuel Bronfman, president of the Congress, addressing a general session, said that the chief emphasis must be placed on rehabilitation of returning servicemen, restoration of destroyed Jewish communities and continued war-effort activities. He said that the Congress supports the demand for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and wants an international charter which will guarantee the future rights of Jews.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ELECTS NEW CO-CHAIRMEN; NAMES FIVE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference announced today that Dr. Israel Goldstein, Henry Monsky and Louis Lipsky have been chosen co-chairmen of the organization's interim committee. An executive committee of seventeen was also elected to replace the administrative committee.

At the same time, the conference established five permanent committees: Rescue, Post-war, Palestine, Jewish Representation and Finance. At its first meeting since the second session held in Pittsburgh last month, the conference was addressed by Professor Selig Brodetsky, Chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who gave a brief review of the present Jewish situation in England and the functions of the Board. He expressed the hope that the Jewish representatives of all countries would act together to establish freedom and equal rights of Jews wherever necessary.

B'NAI B'RITH TO PROVIDE BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR WOUNDED ON HOSPITAL SHIPS RETURNING TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Thousands of individually wrapped birthday gifts for wounded servicemen returning to the United States on Army and Navy Hospital ships will be provided by B'nai B'rith members throughout the country as part of a major expansion of B'nai B'rith's program of providing recreational material for wounded men on hospital ships, it was announced today by the National B'nai B'rith War Service Department.

Acting on a request from Mrs. Archibald McLeish, national director of the Camp and Hospital Council Service of the American Red Cross, the B'nai B'rith War Service Department has called upon B'nai B'rith groups to request each of the 200,000 men, women and young people in the organization to observe his or her own birthday by providing a birthday gift to a wounded serviceman returning on a hospital ship.

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