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THREE HUNGARIAN OFFICERS HANGED IN BUDAPEST FOR KILLING JEWS DURING PRO-NAZI REGIME

LONDON, Mar. 9. (JTA) — Three Hungarian officers charged with torturing and murdering Jewish forced laborers were hanged publicly this week after being convicted by the Peoples' Tribunal in Budapest, the London Jewish Chronicle reports today. They were the first of a group of Hungarian war criminals charged with murdering Jews.

The report says that heart-breaking scenes took place in Budapest when the bodies of 6,141 murdered Jews were disinterred from the ruins of the Hungarian capital and re-buried in accordance with Jewish ritual. The majority of these Jews were killed by the Gestapo and by members of the Hungarian pro-Nazi Arrow Cross Party.

The first conference of rabbis to be held in Hungary since the liberation of Budapest opened this week in Miklos under the chairmanship of Rabbi Israel Tabakman of Budapest. Twenty-one rabbis discussed problems connected with the re-establishment of Jewish religious and communal life, including the re-building of destroyed synagogues and the re-opening of Jewish orthodox schools which were closed when Hungary joined the Axis.

Trial of 64 Anti-Semitic Bulgarian Officials Opens in Sofia

SOFIA, Mar. 9. (JTA) — Indictments against 64 of the less prominent war criminals charged with persecution of Jews were placed before the Peoples' Court here today by a special prosecutor. Dzhif was asked for some and long prison terms for others. The chief instigators of the anti-Semitic measures, such as the regents, ministers and deputies, have already been convicted and many of them executed.

The defendants now being tried consist mainly of officials of the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, directors of Jewish labor camps, and liquidators of Jewish property. In presenting the indictments, the prosecutor stressed that the Bulgarian people have always been opposed to anti-Semitic propaganda and said that racial legislation was enacted as a result of "the servility of the fascist governors to their German masters, and their desire to enrich themselves at the expense of the Jews."

Branding as demagoguery the charge by the fascist press and radio that Jews were a bad influence on the political and economic life of the nation, the prosecutor pointed out that with a few exceptions the Jewish population was composed chiefly of poor workers, artisans, peddlers and intellectuals. The "law for protection of the nation", which was issued in 1941, struck hardest at the poorest Jews, he said, since it imposed heavy taxes at the same time that it cut them off from the possibilities of earning a living.

The prosecutor reviewed other anti-Jewish measures introduced by the pro-German governments and the deportation of several thousand Jews to death camps in Poland. Replying to the charge that "Jews have nothing in common with the national ideals," he asserted that if they were left unmolested they would support these ideals with the same fervor as the rest of the Bulgarian people.

JEWISH GROUP IN ENGLAND OPPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH STATE; INFORMS PARLIAMENTARIANS

LONDON, Mar. 9. (JTA) -- Opposition to the establishment of a Jewish State anywhere was expressed here last night in behalf of the "Jewish Fellowship" at a meeting of the Middle-East Committee, composed of members of the House of Commons, at which the Palestine question was discussed. The meeting, which took place under the chairmanship of Gen. Edward Spears, former British Minister in Syria, was attended by thirty members of parliament.

Basil Henriques and Brunel Cohen, leaders of the Jewish Fellowship, told the committee that their organization advocates the largest possible Jewish immigration to Palestine that can be effected without bringing about conflict with the Arabs. Asked whether it was not a fact that the Jewish Fellowship represents an extremely small group in the Jewish population, Henriques replied, "Not so small." To the question of whether the Board of Deputies of British Jews disagrees with the views of the Fellowship, Henriques answered that "the Board of Deputies does not represent British Jewry."

Capt. Allan Graham, speaking at the meeting, said that "only the immigrants and the descendants of recent immigrants are clamoring for a Jewish State, whereas the old-established Jewish community in Palestine, particularly the Sephardic Jews, are not Zionists." Gen. Spears suggested that the Jewish Fellowship submit to the Middle-East Committee its views regarding the White Paper.

The Catholic Herald commenting today on the projected formation of the League of Arab Nations and on Churchill's announcement that no solution of the Palestine question will take place until after the war, says that the Arabs are now in a much stronger position than they were, with regard to Jewish immigration into Palestine. "At the same time it must be admitted the position of the Jews who survived German brutality is pitiful and that sympathetic consideration must be given to their claims," the paper writes, adding that the Arab-Jewish problem will not be easy to solve because of imperial and commercial considerations.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEARS PLEA FOR JEWISH REPRESENTATION AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. (JTA) -- Rep. Andrew L. Somers, New York Democrat, speaking in the House today called for recognition of the Jewish people as a member of the United Nations and demanded representation for it at the San Francisco Conference.

He declared it an injustice that Palestine's Near Eastern neighbors, Egypt, Saudi-Arabia and Iraq, will be represented but that "the nation that has suffered nearly as many casualties as all the others combined, the nation whose sons have valiantly fought and died on all the fighting fronts, that nation will not be given the same consideration and privilege we have given even to the nations who have been neutral even up to yesterday."

FOUR TIMES AS MANY JEWISH TAXPAYERS IN PALESTINE AS ARABS, GOVERNMENT REPORT DISCLOSES

JERUSALEM, Mar. 9. (JTA) -- There are four times as many Jewish as Arab taxpayers in Palestine and their per capita tax is five times that paid by the Arabs, it is revealed by the current issue of Statistical Bulletin of the Palestine Government.

The publication reports that there are 1,061,400 Arabs in the country, more than twice the number of Jews, of whom 4,947 are taxpayers, paying a per capita tax of 260 mills. While the estimated Jewish population is 493,000, there are 17,527 taxpayers among them, resulting in a per capita tax of 1,390 mills.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN ECUADOR CONCERNED OVER NEW REGULATIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS

QUITO, Ecuador, Mar. 9. (JTA) — Two recent government directives ordering stricter control over immigrants are causing much concern among the 5,000 European refugees here, the majority of whom are Jewish.

On the occasion of Ecuador's declaration of war against Japan, Minister of Government Carlos Guevara Moreno sent a letter to the newly-appointed Director of Immigration, Ramiro Borja y Borja, asking for closer supervision of the activities of foreigners. He recommended that action be taken against immigrants who received visas upon their promises to engage in agriculture, but who are not doing so. This would affect particularly the Jewish refugees, the bulk of whom are professionals and business men.

Subsequently, Borja sent a circular to all government officials urging a curb on "the great number of aliens who constantly violate our regulations."

Up to now there has been no attempt to force the immigrants into agriculture despite their pledges. In fact, Ecuador, under the leadership of President Velasco Ibarra, has had an exceedingly liberal policy towards immigrants. Ibarra, himself a political exile for eight years, has repeatedly expressed his friendship for refugees.

So far, there have been no cases of the new directives being enforced and it is hoped that the position of the immigrants will remain unchanged.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON PEACE PROBLEMS AFFIRMS PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 9. (JTA) — The full text of the resolution against racial and religious discrimination adopted by the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace which ended yesterday, was made public here last night. It reads:

"The Inter-American Conference resolves: 1. To affirm the principle recognized by all the American States of equality of rights and opportunities for all men regardless of race and religion; 2. To recommend to the Governments of the American Republics that, without prejudicing the freedom of the spoken or written word, they make in their respective countries every effort to prevent all acts which tend to provoke discrimination between individuals by reason of their race or religion."

The conference also adopted a resolution recommending that "the international American institutes for the protection of children give special attention to the manner in which the American republics may help in taking care and providing opportunities for the European children who are homeless."

AMERICAN RED CROSS LAUDS JEWISH SUPPORT; RED CROSS SABBATH TO BE MARKED IN SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. (JTA) — The American Red Cross today made public a statement paying tribute to Jews for their support of the organization and announcing that a "Red Cross Sabbath" will be observed in synagogues and temples throughout the country on March 16-17.

"Jewish people throughout the country have supported the Red Cross, financially as well as by volunteer service in past years", the statement said. "Their continued wholehearted support is vitally needed during the coming year. Red Cross Sabbath, coming in the midst of the 1945 War fund campaign, will provide an opportunity for rabbis everywhere to urge their followers to continue support of the Red Cross."

