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HIGH MILITARY, POLICE OFFICIALS ON TRIAL IN RUMANIA FOR MASS-KILLING OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Colonel Isopescu, former Rumanian chief of police in the city of Golta, who is one of the war criminals being tried here on charges of organizing massacres of Jews, was accused today of ordering the mass-murder of 40,000 Rumanian Jews in the Bogdanovka camp, 20,000 Jews in the Domanovka camp, and many thousands of Jews in other camps.

All these camps were established by Col. Isopescu in the Golta area, in Transnistria, when this section of the Ukraine was occupied by German and Rumanian troops. Testimony at the trial today established that the corpses of the 40,000 Jews who were deported from Rumania to the Bogdanovka camp were thrown into the Bug river, the 20,000 Jews in the Domanovka camp were killed by order of Col. Isopescu on the pretext that they were spreading typhus and other diseases.

Another high Rumanian official, General Michael Iliescu, who occupied the post of Inspector General of the military police in Transnistria and Bessarabia, was charged at the trial with ordering the annihilation of all Rumanian-Jewish deportees held in the Mostovol camp in Transnistria. His order was carried out so thoroughly that not a single Jew was left alive in the camp.

The trial of these officials is attracting nation-wide attention. The hearings are expected to continue for several days.

BULGARIAN JEWS MUST SERVE IN MILITIA; JEWISH LABOR PARTY IN POLAND MEETS IN LUBLIN

ZURICH, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Jews in Bulgaria were reminded today in a broadcast over the Sofia radio that it is their duty to register with the Peoples' Militia. "Those who have not yet registered through the Jewish Community, must appear for registration at the office of their local municipalities no later than March 20," the broadcast said.

The Lublin radio today reported that the Jewish Labor Party of liberated Poland held its first conference in Lublin, honoring the Jewish heroes fallen in the ghettos and appealing to all labor groups in the country to help in the restoration of devastated Jewish life.

100,000 BUDAPEST JEWS ARE MISSING; 55,000 ARE DEAD, REMAINDER ARE IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- The Office of War Information today reported that the Swedish press estimates that 150,000 of Budapest's 250,000 Jews were saved when the city was liberated.

The report states that 20,000 Budapest Jews died of starvation in concentration camps; 30,000 were sent to Germany for compulsory labor; 15,000 are being used for fortification work near the Austrian frontier and 35,000 were murdered by members of the Hungarian anti-Semitic Arrow-Cross party, the Gestapo and German elite troops.

JEWS IN SLOVAKIA EMERGE FROM HIDING PLACES; SOME RETURN FROM OSWIECIM CAMP

LONDON, Mar. 11. (JTA) — An increasing number of Jews are emerging from their hiding places in Slovakia and a number of Slovakian Jews have returned to the liberated part of the country from the notorious Oswiecim camp, it was reported here today by the National Council of Jews of Czechoslovakia on the basis of reliable information reaching the office of the Council.

The President of the Swiss Confederation, Edward von Steiger, has received Mr. A. Goodman, leader of the Agudas Israel in London, who is now on a visit to Switzerland, and indicated that Switzerland will admit further transports of Jewish refugees from the Reich despite economic difficulties, it was reported here today by Agudah headquarters. Mr. Goodman was permitted by the Swiss authorities to visit various refugee camps in the country.

SHERTOK IN CAIRO CONFERRING ON JEWISH BRIGADE; ARABS READY TO COMPROMISE ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Mar. 11. (JTA) — Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, has arrived in Cairo to confer with Middle-Eastern military headquarters in connection with further plans for the Jewish Brigade.

(The Jerusalem correspondent of the New York Times reports today that it is understood that the foreign ministers of the Arab states who recently met in Cairo to draft the constitution for the proposed League of Arab Nations recommended a compromise solution of the Palestine problem which would provide for an increase in the present Jewish population from 700,000 to 1,000,000, equal to the Moslem population, with about 150,000 Christian Arabs in Palestine holding the balance of power.)

(The correspondent quotes a Palestine Arab political observer as stating that while the Arabs there might be opposed to the plan at first, they would eventually accept it, but with the proviso that Britain would have to surrender the mandate to a permanent United Nations authority to be established at San Francisco. The Zionists, the correspondent adds, are opposed to the proposal and will insist on unconditional and unlimited Jewish immigration so as to enable the Jews to regain political statehood.)

Palestine High Commissioner Lord Gort was the guest of honor here yesterday at a reception given by the Jewish Journalist Association. In a friendly talk with the Jewish newspapermen he expressed satisfaction with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports of his visits to various Jewish settlements, and indicated that he watches the Hebrew press with great interest.

NEW CRISIS IN HISTADRUTH; OPPOSITION GROUPS BOYCOTT ELECTIONS TO CENTRAL BODIES

TEL AVIV, Mar. 11. (JTA) — The internal fight within the Histadruth, the Jewish Federation of Labor in Palestine, reached a new height today when the opposition groups refused to participate in elections to the central committee and other executive organs of the organization, at the conclusion of a two-day conference.

A central committee was nevertheless elected. Usually composed of thirty-three members, thirteen of the seats were left vacant for the opposition in case it changes its attitude and decides to join the committee. The groups who refused to participate in the elections are the Hashomer Hatzair, the Movement for Labor Unity, the Socialist League and the left wing of the Poale Zion.

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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING NAZIS PERSECUTION OF JEWS ADOPTED AT INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 11, (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the persecution of Jews in Europe was adopted at the last minute by the Inter-American Conference which has just concluded here.

The resolution, which was included in the final record of the sessions by unanimous agreement of the heads of all the delegations, says: "The Inter-American Conference condemns the cruel racial persecution used by the Hitlerites against the Jewish people."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DECLINES JUDGE PROSKAUER'S PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Mar. 11, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today that it has declined the invitation of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, to join in "an informal conference" with a view toward developing common action on the basis of a three-point post-war program presented by its Peace Problems Committee.

In a letter to Judge Proskauer, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Congress executive committee, declared that the Congress as a constituent part of the American Jewish Conference cannot undertake to join with Jewish bodies which are outside of the conference. Such action, the letter declared, "would be destructive of the unity of American Jewry" which was established through the American Jewish Conference.

CONGRESS OF LATIN-AMERICAN ZIONISTS OPENS IN MONTEVIDEO; 300 DELEGATES PRESENT

MONTEVIDEO, Mar. 11, (JTA) -- The first Latin-American Zionist Congress opened here today with three-hundred delegates from Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Cuba and Mexico in attendance. The delegates represent nearly 100 Zionist and non-Zionist organizations.

Dr. Abraham Mibashan, South American representative of the Jewish Agency, addressing the opening session, called upon the meeting to adopt a resolution declaring that the 1,000,000 Jews in Latin-America support Zionist demands, including the formation of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and the abolition of the White Paper restrictions on Jewish immigration. The congress, he continued, must warn the United Nations that a solution of the Jewish problem is a prerequisite to world peace.

This conference, Dr. Mibashan said, is not only a demonstration of the pro-Zionist sentiments of Latin-American Jewry, but is an indication that the Jewish people are determined to secure recognition of its sacrifices on behalf of the United Nations. Other speakers appealed to the American democracies to indicate in this present period, after Yalta and before San Francisco, that they support the Jewish people's demand for a national homeland.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann and President Juan Jose de Arzaga of Uruguay were elected honorary presidents of the congress.

WEIZMANN ARRIVES IN ENGLAND FROM CAIRO; EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR U.S. SOON

LONDON, Mar. 11, (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here today from Cairo. He left Jerusalem several days ago after an extended visit there. He is expected to proceed to the United States shortly.

