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NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE REGARDING JEWISH SPOKESMAN AT SAN FRANCISCO, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- The State Department today informed the Jewish telegraphic Agency that it has taken no action and made no statement with regard to the representation of any organization - religious, labor or otherwise - with reference to the forthcoming Security Conference of the United Nations in San Francisco.

This announcement was made by the State Department in connection with a published report that the American Jewish conference had been designated as adviser and spokesman on Jewish affairs to the U. S. delegation at the San Francisco conference. The report appeared in some of the Jewish newspapers in New York. The whole subject of group and organization representatives at the San Francisco parley will shortly be clarified by the State Department, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told.

PROF. CUZA, "FATHER" OF ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENT IN RUMANIA, ARRESTED IN TRANSYLVANIA

BUCHAREST, April 6. (JTA) -- Prof. Alexander Cuza, the 87-year-old "father" of the anti-semitic movement in Rumania, was arrested today in the Transylvanian town of Sibiu, where he had found shelter in the house of Gen. Negrescu, former police chief under the pro-Nazi Antonescu regime.

It was also announced here today that Hritou Mys, one of the instigators of the pogrom in Jassy during the early days of Rumania's military collaboration with Germany, has been arrested. He is also charged with ordering the annihilation of thousands of Jews who were deported from Rumania to Transnistria and held under his supervision in a camp near Mohilov.

The trial of William Gruenberg, a converted Jew, charged with helping the Antonescu regime opened here today. As chief of the press department of the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, Gruenberg spread anti-Jewish propaganda.

RUSSIA REPATRIATES 3,000 CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS LIBERATED FROM GESTAPO CAMP IN POLAND

BUCHAREST, April 6. (JTA) -- A transport of 3,000 Czechoslovakian Jewish survivors from the notorious Oswiecim camp arrived yesterday in the liberated Czechoslovakian town of Kosice, it was reported here today. They travelled on Soviet trains.

Transports of Rumanian Jews repatriated by the Soviet authorities from Transnistria to Rumania are arriving daily via Jassy and Galatz. They are being met by representatives of local Jewish communities and are provided with food secured with funds sent by the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Rumanian Ministry of Agriculture today issued an order requesting all Jews in Bucharest possessing picks, spades, axes, shovels and other implements which they used for "national labor" to deposit them with the district police stations for distribution among Rumanian peasants.

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JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN ENGLAND APPROVE RABBI HERTZ'S MEASURES AGAINST MIXED MARRIAGES

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Jewish congregations throughout England today indicated approval of measures proclaimed by Chief Rabbi Hertz, jointly with the Beth din of London, aimed at preventing Jews married to non-Jewish women from exercising direct influence on Jewish communal affairs. The measures provide:

1. Jews married to non-Jewish women who are not converted to Judaism will henceforth not be eligible for membership in Jewish congregations.

2. Membership already acquired will remain valid, but the member involved will not be given any office in the congregations.

3. Children of mixed marriage, born of non-Jewish mothers who are not converted to Judaism, will not be regarded as Jews, even if their Jewish fathers have them circumcised in accordance with Jewish ritual.

A survey by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of leading London synagogues established that congregational leaders consider the measures to be "most timely." They claim that there is a danger that Jewish communal life in England will be disrupted by the growing influence of Jews involved in mixed marriages.

The London Jewish Chronicle, leading Anglo-Jewish publication, in an editorial today says: "The Jewish community is not only entitled, but is sacredly duty-bound to defend itself against results of individual action, since the fatal spirit of religious laxity has crept into the community and is raising the question of sincerity of the office holders who are bringing discredit to the Jewish faith."

JEWISH AGENCY HOPES TO SETTLE DEMOBILIZED BRIGADERS ON LAND, VETERAN DEPT. CHIEF SAYS

WITH THE JEWISH BRIGADE IN ITALY, April 6. (JTA) -- Plans are now under way for re-settlement of Palestinian soldiers after the war, Joseph Gurion, chief of the Jewish Agency's special division for soldier aid, said today. Mr. Gurion is presently visiting the Brigade.

When demobilized, Jewish soldiers will receive monetary payments from the Palestine Government, he stated. In addition, they will be encouraged to accept homesteads if they do not wish to return to their pre-war occupations. These homesteads are now being prepared through the Jewish National Fund, Mr. Gurion said, and at the same time, the Palestine Government is being urged to open state lands to the returning veterans.

The Agency's veteran aid chief hopes that at least fifty percent of the demobilized Jewish soldiers will engage in agriculture after the war. There are many refugees, he pointed out, who joined the Brigade immediately after being admitted to Palestine. They were without occupations and will be encouraged to farm.

REVISIONIST LEADER IN LITHUANIA KILLED WHILE LEADING JEWISH PARTISANS AGAINST NAZIS

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Joseph Glasman, former head of the Revisionist "Betar" organization in Lithuania, was killed leading a guerrilla detachment against the Germans at the time the Red Army was approaching Vilna, it was learned here today. Glasman, for some time, was chief of the German-appointed ghetto police in Vilna, but secretly remained head of the Jewish underground.

JERUSALEM EX-MUFTI WILL SEEK SANCTUARY IN MECCA; HIS INFLUENCE STILL STRONG IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, wanted by the Allies for punishment as the organizer of two Nazi-inspired anti-British revolts in the Middle East and as the founder of Hitler's "Moslem Legion" in Europe, will seek to gain sanctuary in the Holy Moslem city of Mecca, according to information received here today from authoritative Middle East sources.

If the ex-Mufti succeeds in reaching Mecca, it is pointed out, he will be safe from extradition and punishment even though the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is at war with the Axis Powers. Under Koranic law, once in the Holy City, he cannot be deprived of sanctuary.

The ex-Mufti's presence in the Middle East would constitute a continuing threat to the peace and security of Palestine and would jeopardize any settlement to be reached on Palestine's future. Although he has been a fugitive from Palestine for six years, the ex-Mufti is still the most powerful figure in the Palestine Arab scene and is still the only one who can command any following there. Despite the fact that British censorship in Palestine forbids even mention of his name in the press, the shadow of the ex-Mufti hangs over the entire land.

Mindful of the fact that as recently as a year ago, the Prime Minister of Egypt, with the tacit backing of several British colonial officials, sought of the British Government an amnesty for the ex-Mufti which would permit him to return to Allied territory to assume leadership of the Palestine Arabs and participate in the Arab unity parleys, Jewish groups are planning to seek formal indictment of the ex-Mufti by the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London if his name is not already on its list of wanted war criminals.

CABINET CRISIS REVEALS SYRIANS INSIST ON INCORPORATION OF PALESTINE INTO "GREATER SYRIA"

CAIRO, April 6. (JTA) -- The determination of certain groups in Syria to have Palestine, Transjordan and Lebanon incorporated into a "Greater Syria", which led to the resignation this week of Premier Faris el Khouri after a stormy session of the Syrian Parliament, is attracting attention in the Egyptian press. Khouri has been asked to form a new cabinet, the Beirut radio reported today.

Explaining his position, Khouri told the Syrian Parliament that he felt that the proposal for the establishment of a "Greater Syria" was premature at the present time and that the plan might allow Jews to immigrate to other states in the proposed Greater Syria besides Palestine.

In the Egyptian Senate this week, nationalist members were critical of the decisions of the pan-Arab conference in Cairo as they applied to Palestine. They charged that the charter adopted there did not go far enough in ensuring the demands of Palestine Arabs, and gave little guarantee that Arab nations will oppose Zionism. The charter, as finally adopted, alleged that Palestine should be an independent state in accordance with the League of Nations ruling on mandated territories and called for full support of Arab claims on Palestine.

AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO WILL GET PETITION URGING FREE PALESTINE ENTRY

SYDNEY, Australia, April 6. (JTA) -- A petition urging the free entry of Jews into Palestine, which has been signed by prominent church leaders and public figures, will be presented to the Australian delegates to the San Francisco conference and to Prime Minister John Curtin, it was announced here today by the Australian Palestine Committee.

FIRST JEWISH SERVICES HELD AT IWO JIMA; "SYNAGOGUE" IS IMPROVISED UNDER OPEN SKY

IWO JIMA, Delayed. (JTA) -- The first Jewish services to be held for Marines of the Fourth division were recently celebrated here. The service was conducted by Lieutenant Leon W. Rosenberg of New York City, formerly Jewish student advisor at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and veteran of the Marine campaigns in the Marshall and Marianas Islands.

For the first time in 21 days, it was safe for Marines to assemble in the open without fear of an enemy shell exploding in their midst. The service was held near where scores of landing craft churned into the beach with supplies, just 100 yards away. The site was the Fourth Division Cemetery, which now holds many hundreds of American dead. Several score yards inland American fighter planes were landing on recently captured Motoyama airfield. An improvised altar, supported by Marine locker boxes, was the only semblance of a "Synagogue" on this treeless, dusty island where thousands of Marines were killed and wounded.

ROOSEVELT CALLS FOR UNITY IN U. S. IN CONGRATULATIONS TO EMANU-EL CONGREGATION

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- A call for unity of all the people in the United States was made by President Roosevelt in a message read last night at the centenary dinner of Congregation Emanu-El, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

"The great majority of Americans find religious unity in a common biblical heritage--the heritage of the Old Testament," the message said. "Whether our allegiance is to the tenets of Christian revelation or to the ancient teaching of Israel, we all hold to the inspiration of the Old Testament and accept the Ten Commandments as the fundamental law of God. It is well for us, therefore, in the face of global war and world upheaval, to emphasize the many essential things in which we, as a nation, can find unity as we seek solution of the momentous problems before us."

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, director of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, president of the Central Conference of Rabbis, delivered the principal addresses. The Right Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, S. T. D., Suffragan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, extended the greetings of their communities. Short addresses also were made by Roger W. Straus, chairman of the centenary celebration; Frank L. Weil, chairman of the dinner committee, who presided; Captain Lewis L. Strauss, U. S. N. R., president of Congregation Emanu-El, and the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, rabbi of the congregation.

SECRETARY OF WAR MOURNS DEATH OF GENERAL ROSE; PRAISES HIS SKILL IN TANK OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson expressed his regret yesterday at the death of Major General Maurice Rose who was killed on the German front. "The death of General Rose was a severe loss," Mr. Stimson said. "No one was more skillful in directing the operations of an armored column. He was a leader who inspired enthusiasm and confidence."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA ASKS U.S. JEWS TO MARK V-E DAY BY SPECIAL SERVICES

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing the orthodox, conservative and reform rabbis and congregations of the United States, of which Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein is president, today issued a call to the rabbis and religious leaders of the country asking them "to gather their people in their Synagogues and Temples for a service of Thanksgiving at 8:00 p.m. on the day on which cessation of hostilities in Europe is officially announced."