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REPORTS OF MASSACRES SHOCK SAN FRANCISCO DELEGATES; JEWS ASK PLACE ON WAR CRIMES COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30. (JTA) -- Attention was focussed today on the demands by various Jewish organizations here that crimes committed against Jews either in occupied or Axis nations be punished, as a result of reports from Congressmen and newspaper editors touring the Buchenwald and other horror camps in Germany.

These reports were among the major topics of conversation among the delegates because they come from non-Jewish sources and because they disclose that a large, if not the largest, percentage of those exterminated were Jews. The reports have created considerable pro-Jewish sentiment here. One can hear delegates expressing regret over the fact that they hitherto considered news of Nazi mass extermination of Jews to be exaggerated atrocity propaganda.

The question facing the United Nations is whether Jews, not being a member of the United Nations, should have recognized representatives at the national and international courts which will try war criminals, especially when these trials will involve directly those who either organized mass-murders of Jews or participated in carrying out these massacres. The demands for such Jewish representation, as outlined in the briefs of the American Jewish conference, the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee are almost identical.

Tribunals Will Be Asked To Recognize Jews As "Amici Curiae"

The American Jewish conference, in a memorandum which will be submitted to Secretary of State Stettinius within a few days, advances the demand that the national and international courts which will take up the cases of war criminals shall recognize Jewish representatives as "amici curiae" and that the Commission for Investigation of War Crimes or a similar authority shall give "locus standi" to a representation of the Jewish people.

The memorandum insists that the crimes committed by Axis nations and their associates against the Jews shall be duly specified in the indictment against the war criminals and made punishable. It also asks that "crimes committed against Jews in occupied territories shall be tried in the respective national courts except those committed in Germany and in the territories of her satellites which shall be tried in international courts."

Urge Courts To Hear Testimony By Representatives of Jewish Community

In the recommendations submitted to members of the UNCIO, the American Jewish Committee expresses the belief that Axis crimes against the Jews will figure prominently among those for which the Germans will have to answer. The committee, therefore, points out that in these cases it will be advisable to have representatives of the Jewish community appear as witnesses and friends of the court.

Enumerating a number of reasons why representatives of the Jewish community should be asked to participate in trials of men guilty of crimes against Jews, the American Jewish Committee urges that both alien occupants and native collaborationists

should be tried for victimizing Jews. "Leniency must not be extended to those whose victims may have been Jews alone, nor should Jewish representatives be overlooked in the international trials of major criminals," the committee demands, emphasizing that "everything that Hitler has done against the Jews since 1933 should be considered a war crime, for long before 1939 he was preparing the way for Majdanek."

An appeal to Edon, Molotov and Stettinius asking them to meet now for the setting up of proper machinery for the punishment of the principal war criminals in accordance with the decisions reached at Yalta was made today by Dr. Maurice Perlberg, head of the political department of the World Jewish Congress.

Speaking at a luncheon in his honor arranged by the Northern California Division of the American Jewish Congress, Dr. Perlberg said: "At Yalta the heads of the principal Allied powers reaffirmed their common determination to punish the criminals, but we know now that it was left to the next meeting of the foreign secretaries to approve the establishment of a common machinery. The foreign secretaries are together now in San Francisco. It is inconceivable that they should sanction further delay on the eve of victory. We address an earnest appeal to Messrs. Edon, Molotov and Stettinius to act now."

Section of U.S. Delegation Reported Pressing for World Bill of Rights

Meanwhile, the fight for the adoption of a world bill of rights by the UNCIO continues. It is understood that a section of the American delegation is strongly behind the proposal and would favor the creation of a Commission on Human Rights to enforce the bill. In addition, besides the Jewish groups backing the proposal, there are influential church organizations such as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations.

A Baptist delegation, including several Senators, is understood to have conferred with Secretary of State Stettinius in Washington before the conference opened, and secured his support for a petition which urges the proposed world security organization to outlaw religious persecution and to refuse to admit any nation which tolerates restrictions on religious freedom.

WENSKY ASKS CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH AGENCY TO PROTECT JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30, (JTA) -- Safeguards to protect the existing rights of the Jewish people with respect to Palestine must be established in any mandate system or trusteeship to be created by the world security organization, and instrumentalities must be created which will enable the implementation of, or the fulfillment of, these rights, it was declared last night by Henry Wensky, consultant to the American Delegation at the United Nations conference.

Mr. Wensky, who is president of the B'nai B'rith and co-chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Conference, said at a rally in the Scottish Rite auditorium here, organized by local B'nai B'rith lodges, that while the first and primary purpose of the United Nations conference is to adopt basic laws for the new world organization, it must be recognized that any mandate system or trusteeship will have some bearing on the present and the future status of Palestine. It is only just, he added, that the Jewish people, victims of Nazi aggression, should receive consideration of their distinctive needs.

"Within the past few weeks," Mr. Wensky continued, "liberation of territories has revealed in bold, horrifying, stark reality what has for years been reported, but which was deemed incredible because it was inconceivable. Now the whole world has become aware of the catastrophe that has overwhelmed the Jewish people in Europe, a catastrophe which brought death to six million civilian victims of Nazi savagery. Those who suffered so tragically must not be forgotten in the solution of problems which contain the ferment of future tension."

RESIDENTS OF MUNICH FORCED TO DISINTER AND REBURY BODIES OF 1,600 MURDERED JEWS

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Luxembourg radio reported today that the bodies of 1,600 murdered Jews were found by American troops in woods about ten miles from Munich. Residents of Munich, the broadcast said, were taken to the woods and forced to unearth and rebury the bodies.

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Germany reported today that 1,200 Jewish women, most of them from Hungary, who were being used as slave laborers in a munitions factory in Leipzig, have been liberated by the U. S. Sixty-Ninth Infantry Division near the city of Wurzen. The women were apparently driven from the city by the Germans prior to the fall of Leipzig.

DEFRANCHISED BULGARIAN JEWS GIVEN LONGER PERIOD TO RETURN HOME AND RECLAIM CITIZENSHIP

SOFIA, April 30. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Ministry of Justice, replying to a query by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said today that it is working on a law extending the original time limit set for the return of Bulgarian subjects who emigrated during the war. Under the present decree, emigrants must return by May 27 or forfeit their citizenship.

The Ministry said that in view of existing visa and transportation difficulties, it was planning to extend the time limit past May 27, but it did not indicate the length of the extension. The extension will apply to all emigrants, although the original law had a special section dealing with Jews.

The text of this law, which was promulgated on November 27, 1944, stated that all Jewish Bulgarian citizens who left the country after January 1, 1944, and have lost their citizenship under Paragraph One of this law will again be recognized as Bulgarian citizens if they return within the six-month period beginning with the date of this law, and if they apply for citizenship within the same period.

Paragraph One, referred to above, stated that "Bulgarian subjects of non-Bulgarian origin who emigrate from the kingdom automatically lose their rights of Bulgarian citizenship, and are required to liquidate all their interests within three months after the date of emigration."

EX-MUFTI REPORTED IN YUGOSLAVIA; LEADER OF IRAQ REVOLT REFUSED ADMISSION TO SWITZERLAND

CAIRO, April 30. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem has fled from Berlin to the region of Yugoslavia which is still under German control, it is reported here today. The Mufti is said to have married the daughter of a rich Yugoslav Moslem.

It is also reported that the leader of the pro-German revolt in Iraq in 1942, Rashid Ali al Ghalani, has fled to the Swiss border, but was refused admission to Switzerland.

EDITOR OF ITALIAN EDITION OF "PROTOCOLS OF ZION" REPORTED ARRESTED IN MILAN

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Swiss radio today quoted a Milan report that Giovanni Proziosi, prominent Italian anti-Semite, has been arrested. Proziosi edited the Italian edition of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," and, as editor of "La Vita Italiana," concocted a genealogical table purporting to show that the late President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and other Allied leaders were Jews.

TI TO WARNS YUGOSLAVS AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICES; SAYS THEY MENACE COUNTRY

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- Marshal Tito has warned that the future of Yugoslavia depends on the people's resistance to efforts to divide them by appeals to religious or racial prejudice, the Belgrade radio reports.

Receiving a delegation of Bosnian youth, the Yugoslav premier told them that "similarity of faith must not be an obstacle in the way of the realization of brotherhood and you must prevent every attempt of the enemy to sow hatred and discord among you, for they are the greatest menaces to our achievement."

J.D.C. Sends Relief To Jewish Survivors in Yugoslavia

New York, April 30. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has opened soup kitchens and provided relief grants for nearly 4,000 impoverished Jewish survivors in Yugoslavia, according to a cabled report from Switzerland received at the committee's offices here.

The report disclosed that a \$50,000 credit has been placed at the disposal of satellite communities, which include Belgrade, the liberated areas of Croatia, and Macedonia.

SA FRANCISCO CONFERENCE MUST SOLVE PALESTINE PROBLEM, BUENOS AIRES MEETING TOLD

BUENOS AIRES, April 30. (JTA) -- The San Francisco conference must find a satisfactory solution of the Palestine problem by creating a durable peace, Abraham Hirsch, Jewish Agency representative in Argentina, told a meeting of 10,000 persons held yesterday in Luna Park.

Prof. Juan Valmaggi, a prominent Argentine Catholic, advocated the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, and warned that any international settlement which does not recognize the rights of the Jewish people in Palestine will be incomplete.

Other speakers who addressed the meeting, which was called by the Keren Hayesod, included Mrs. Archibald Silverman, ex-deputy Enrique Dickman and Samuel Rabinovich, president of the board of directors of the Argentine section of the Keren Hayesod.

SIR ROBERT WALEY-COHEN AND A. G. BROTMAN ARRIVE FROM LONDON EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, representing the Anglo-Jewish Association, and A. G. Brotman, representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, have arrived here from London to confer with American Jewish leaders on issues affecting Jews which may come up at San Francisco. Both are expected to leave for the coast shortly.

140 JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE TANGIERS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE, HIAS REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Two hundred and fifty-nine Jewish refugees in Tangiers have left for Palestine via Gibraltar, according to a cable received by the HIAS office here from its European representative, Dr. James Bornstein. All have Palestine visas.

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