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RED ARMY LIBERATED 80,000 JEWS FROM GERMAN CAMPS; LUBLIN COMMITTEE SENDS THEM AID

MOSCOW, May 24. (JTA) — About 80,000 Jews have been liberated by the Red Army from different concentration camps in Germany and German-occupied countries, it was reported here today from Warsaw. A large number of them are Polish Jews, the report said.

The Central Committee of Polish Jews in Lublin dispatched a number of its members to meet the returning Jews. Assisted by Polish authorities, the committee organized receiving stations to which the liberated Jews are delivered by the Red Army. Transport of food, clothing and medicaments has been sent by the committee to some of these stations, accompanied by a number of physicians.

"The physical and moral condition of the liberated Jews is exceedingly low," the Warsaw report says. "Many of them had been transferred from camp to camp during the German retreat from Poland. The majority, however, had been imprisoned in German concentration camps for several years, witnessing how thousands of other imprisoned Jews were driven to death by torture and starvation."

400,000 JEWS KILLED BY GERMANS IN BYELORUSSIA, SOVIET OFFICIAL REPORTS AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24. (JTA) — Approximately 400,000 Jews were massacred by the Germans in Byelorussia during their occupation of that part of the USSR, Kuzma Kiselev, head of the Byelorussian delegation to the United Nations conference, declared today at a press conference.

"As a member of the investigating commission I saw with my own eyes how thousands of murdered Jewish children were disinterred from mass-graves in the suburbs of Minsk, Orsha, Vitebsk, Gopel and other Byelorussian cities from which the Germans were driven by the Red Army," Mr. Kiselev said. He estimated that in Minsk eighty percent of the entire Jewish population was annihilated during the German occupation, and that ninety percent of the Jews were murdered, while in Orsha practically all the Jews were killed.

Jewish partisans who fought against the Germans, as well as Jews who have been evacuated into the interior of the USSR, are now returning to their home towns in Byelorussia and are beginning to rebuild life anew, the Soviet representative reported. Dmitry Manuilsky, head of the Soviet Ukrainian delegation at the San Francisco Conference, said that "the German massacres of Jews in the Ukraine exceeded the massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day."

ARABISTS BLAST IRAQ-PALESTINE PIPELINE IN TWO PLACES; TELEGRAPH POLES MINED

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) — The Iraq-Haifa pipeline was severed in two places last night by unknown terrorists, the police announced today. Three telegraph poles were also damaged and four mined in the Beisan area, where the breaks in the pipeline occurred, the announcement said. The police pointed out that the pipeline carries fuel vital to the war against Japan and that attacks upon it are direct interference with the war effort.

THE POWERS AT SAN FRANCISCO PROVIDE FOR JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE UNDER TRUSTEESHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24. (JTA) -- The big powers were reported here today to have reached an agreement on the text of the arrangements for trusteeship of mandated territories which is interpreted to mean that no changes will be made in the provisions of the Palestine mandate without consulting the Jews and the Arabs.

The clause in this text which is of particular interest with regard to Palestine reads: "Nothing in this chapter should be construed in and of itself to alter in any manner the right of any state or any people in any territory." Originally the clause lacked the word "any people." This change guarantees that the rights given to Jews under the Palestine mandate will not be abolished under the trusteeship system.

In a letter addressed to Alger Hiss, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference, Dr. Nahum Goldman charged in behalf of the Jewish Agency that the Arab delegations here filed an "incomplete and misleading document" with the UNCIO. The charge was based on the fact that the Arab delegations filed the pact of the League of Arab States but omitted filing the annex to this document. In this annex the League seeks to classify Palestine as an Arab State and provides for the designation of an Arab representative for Palestine to participate in the League's work.

This omission, Dr. Goldman pointed out, is serious and tends to give a false impression of the character and the contents of the pact. "To our knowledge, indeed, the filing of such an incomplete and misleading document at an international assembly is unprecedented and is in violation of all normal international procedures," the protest said, emphasizing that the annex is in clear conflict with the international status of Palestine and with the international obligations contained in the Palestine mandate.

The Egyptian delegation, which represents the League of Arab States, today refused to comment on the charge by Dr. Goldmann, except to say that the annex was not filed because it was not considered important. Dr. Goldmann, in his letter to the secretary general of the UNCIO, requested that the letter be circulated as a document of the conference as was the Arab pact.

Dr. I. M. Steinberg, the leader of the Jewish Freeland League, today submitted to the delegations of the United Nations here a memorandum on the project of settling Jews in Kimberley, Australia. He also conferred with delegates from Australia, Canada and France. Dr. Steinberg did not submit his memorandum to the Arab delegations.

REPORT OF PRE-WAR JEWISH POPULATION IN MILAN WILL RETURN TO CITY, J.D.C. AIDE REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Most of the 5,000 Jews who lived in Milan before Italy's entry into the war are expected to return to the city, it was reported today in a cable received by the Joint Distribution Committee from its representative, Reuben Mark, who is now in Milan.

About 1,500 Jews are already registered with the J.D.C. office in Milan, the cable said. The office is situated in a former Fascist headquarters which is also used as a synagogue and a hostel and feeding center accommodating 600 persons.

PALESTINE JEWISH JOURNALISTS PROTEST AGAINST CONTINUATION OF RIGID CENSORSHIP

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- Abolition of the rigid Palestine censorship was demanded today in a resolution adopted at the annual conference of the Jewish Journalists Association. The resolution described the censorship as "having no justification" and that the war in Europe has ended.

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25,000 DUTCH JEWS SURVIVE DESPITE ASSISTANCE OF UNDERGROUND, MANY LURED TO DEATH

UTRECHT, Holland, May 24. (JTA) -- About 25,000 Jews remain in Holland, according to the best information available here. Of these, about 9,000 were spared because they were married to non-Jews, while the others went into hiding. This means that about 100,000 Jews were exterminated.

The apparent contradiction between the large loss of life and the almost unanimous testimony concerning the assistance given Jews by the non-Jewish population, can be explained by the fact that the Germans succeeded in luring many Jews to their death by the creation of a "Jewish Council," the members of which, the Nazi promised, would not be deported.

The council, at first, was entrusted with organizing Jewish life, including schools, theatres, hospitals and similar institutions. Soon, the organization was obliged to handle details connected with the deportation of thousands of Jews. At one time, 17,000 Jews were on the staff of the council, hoping that they would thus evade deportation. Eventually, however, when it was no longer useful to them, the Nazis disbanded the council and deported its membership.

Dr. Berthold Stokvis, a lecturer in experimental psychology at the University of Leyden, is now making a study of the psychological effects upon Jews of the four years of Nazi persecution. Dr. Stokvis, who was saved from deportation by the underground, confirmed that the Jews of Holland, unlike those of other countries, were not obliged to submit to the "circumcision test," but persons married to non-Jews, who were, therefore, exempt from deportation, were compelled to submit to sterilization. This applied to women under 45 and all men unless they could produce medical evidence of sterility.

TREASURES LOOTED FROM ITALIAN JEWS DISCOVERED IN CASTLE HIDEOUTS IN NORTHERN ITALY

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Valuables looted from Jews in northern Italy have been discovered in castles perched on cliffs in the Adige Valley, the Manchester Guardian reports today.

It says that the looting was done under the cloak of three Nazi organizations: the Schwendt Organization run by Sturmabfuhrer Schwendt von Wehrig; the "Kette," under Field Marshal von Kesserling; and the "Organization to Combat the Italian Black-Market."

In one hideout, a Guardian correspondent reports, were found 220,000 yards of silk and hundreds of Persian rugs. Another cache contained 500,000 pairs of shoes, underwear and dresses.

LEADERS OF BRITISH JEWISH RELIEF GROUPS MAP PLANS FOR AID TO STATELESS JEWS IN GERMANY

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Plans for assisting and rehabilitating stateless Jews in Germany were mapped today at a meeting of leaders of British Jewish groups, including representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the European section of the World Jewish Congress, the Agudas Israel and other groups. The meeting was called by the Board of Deputies.

An organization of Baltic Jews was established here today at a meeting of Jews from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia now living in London. The new group will be affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations and hopes to expand so as to include in its membership all Jews from the Baltic countries living in Britain.

J. JEWISH MAJOR WHO CAPTURED STREICHER ANXIOUS TO COMBAT NAZI SLURS ON JEWISH HEROISM

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The family of Major Henry Plitt, proud of the fact that he was the captor of the notorious anti-Semite, Julius Streicher, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the twice-decorated and several times wounded Major was especially anxious to show that the Jews are good fighters in order to dispel the German propaganda directed at minimizing Jewish heroism on the battlefield.

A member of the Inwood Hebrew Congregation, Major Plitt joined the Army in 1914. He was wounded last Fall at Arnhem, Holland, and, after three months hospitalization, was sent home on a furlough. He returned overseas in March of this year declaring that he "just had to go back."

Major Plitt felt that Jews must excel in the war against the Germans, because as a group which is exposed to the unscrupulous propaganda of Nazi and pro-Nazi elements, they must show that they are making an equal, if not proportionally greater, contribution to the country's welfare and war effort as compared with other groups, his family said.

The young officer is the holder of two Silver Stars for gallantry on D-Day and for his participation in the bloody struggle at Arnhem, where thousands of British and American troops were captured when their bridgehead was wiped out by the Germans. A product of the New York public schools, Staunton Military Academy and the University of Syracuse, he was graduated from the St. Lawrence University Law School in 1940 and entered a law firm in New York which he left after a short time to enter the armed forces.

Major Plitt's small knowledge of German, which led Julius Streicher to think that he had been discovered instead of merely being questioned as to his "resemblance to Streicher," was developed conversing with two refugee cousins from Vienna who had helped to come to the United States five years ago, Miss Tillie Klein, his aunt and his teacher in elementary school, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Major and three companions were making a routine check-up in the Bavarian hills about forty miles from Berchtesgaden when they spotted Streicher on the balcony of a Tyrolean-type house daubing at a canvas. He said his name was "Sailer" and that, as an artist, he did not pay much attention to world affairs. Major Plitt went without an interpreter and his faulty command of the German language trapped Streicher. Plitt tried to say: "You look so much like Streicher I have a notion to take you." Streicher misunderstood and believed the officer recognized him.

DR. JULIUS OCHS ADLER SAYS ALL GERMANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NAZI ATROCITIES

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The whole German people should be held responsible for the "organized brutality" of the concentration camps in their country, Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, AUS, retired, vice president and general manager of The New York Times, said last night upon his return by air from Europe.

General Adler was one of a group of American editors and publishers who were flown to Europe at the suggestion of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to investigate German atrocities. "So far as the concentration camps are concerned," said he, "the story cannot be told too often to the American people. It was organized brutally and the whole German people should be held responsible. More specifically, the war criminals should include the higher officers of the Government, all the Gestapo, all the SS troops and the German General Staff."

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