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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.CZECH GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO ASSIMILATE ALL JEWS WHO DO NOT WISH TO EMIGRATE

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- A policy of complete absorption of all Czech Jews who do not emigrate to Palestine or any other land will be followed by the Czechoslovak Government, it was announced today in a broadcast from Prague by Dr. Eric Kolar, secretary of the Committee to Abolish the Nuremberg anti-Jewish Laws.

Reviewing at great length the effects of the anti-Jewish measures introduced by the Germans and their collaborators in the former Czech Protectorate, Dr. Kolar estimated that hardly one-tenth of the 118,000 Jews who lived in Bohemia-Moravia before the German occupation have survived.

"This small number should no longer create a Jewish problem in our country," he declared. He admitted that there was anti-Semitism in Czechoslovakia "resulting from commercial competition," but said that now the situation has changed, "since many Jews expect to remain in manual work into which they were forced during the war, while others joined the government services and the Czech army-in-exile, thus there will be more Jews henceforth in government and in military service than before the war."

Speaking of the intention of the Czech authorities to completely solve the Jewish problem in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Kolar expressed the hope that "the survivors of the older Jewish generation, who were educated in a German spirit and cherished the German language, will not create obstacles to the complete assimilation of Jewish Czechs." He emphasized that "the same attitude is expected from the so-called Jewish nationalists and from the Zionists."

Zionism Is No Longer An Internal Jewish Problem, Official Says

"Sad experiences," he continued, "certainly strengthened the Zionist movement. But, Zionism is no longer an internal Jewish affair. The non-Jewish Czech population must realize that Zionism is an international problem. The Zionist aspirations are humanly just."

"The Jewish population must, at the same time, realize that there are only two alternatives - either Jewish nationality within an independent Jewish State, or complete and full assimilation. Half-measures are illogical and would only prolong solution of the problem."

UBLIN GOVERNMENT DEMANDS EXTRADITION OF MAJDANEC CAMP COMMANDANT TO POLAND

BERN, June 19. (JTA) -- The Lublin radio today demanded the extradition to Poland of the commandant of the notorious Majdanec camp where hundreds of thousands of Jews were gassed and burned to death. The commandant, a Gestapo leader named Tumann, is now in the hands of the British.

"It is imperative that prior to his execution he should face a public trial at the place where he organized and directed the mass-murder of thousands of innocent civilians," the Lublin broadcast said.

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FREE EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE OR EQUAL RIGHTS WITHIN COUNTRY ASKED FOR RUMANIAN JEWS

BUCHAREST, June 19. (JTA) -- Free emigration to Palestine for Jews who desire to do so, and equal rights for all who wish to remain in the country were demanded today by the central committee of the Rumanian Democratic Party in a resolution dealing with the situation of Jews in Rumania.

The resolution also suggested that Jews be given the status of a national minority if they so desire. The entire concept of minority status was abolished several months ago by the Rumanian Government. In the section on emigration, the resolution also backed establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

VICHY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ON TRIAL FOR DEATH AND DEPORTATION OF JEWS AND OTHERS

PARIS, June 19. (JTA) -- Many Jews and resistance leaders including former Ministers Georges Mandel and Jean Zay were turned over to the Nazis or Vichy's fascist militia by Andrew Baillet, chief of intelligence of the Vichy Ministry of the Interior, it was charged today at the opening of Baillet's trial before a special court. He was also accused of deporting pregnant women to death chambers in Germany.

Commenting on the trial, the newspaper L'Aurore says that "if in one night in June, 1942, 22,000 could be arrested in Paris and many mothers torn from their children, and if racial laws could be enforced, and if Communists and Gaullists could be arrested, and if many could be jailed whether innocent or guilty and delivered to the Nazi barbarians, there must have been Frenchmen to order it and, more incredible, other Frenchmen to execute such orders."

RELIEF OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN MUNICH TO ASSIST THOSE AFFECTED BY NURENBERG LAWS

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- An "advisory and relief office" has been established in Munich to aid residents of the city whose status was affected by the Nuremberg Laws, the Munich radio reports today.

This office will assume the functions of the relief committee which has been dealing with Jews under private auspices. The premises of the relief group will be used as a home for aged Jews.

REST HOME FOR JEWS REPATRIATED FROM GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS OPENED IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, June 19. (JTA) -- A rest home for Jews repatriated from German concentration camps was opened yesterday in the city of Terveuren, Belgium, the Brussels radio reports today.

The broadcast said that the institution will be operated by the Jewish War Victims Relief Organization. Minister of War Relief Henri Pauwels spoke at the opening ceremonies.

DAVID BEN GURION ARRIVES IN U.S. FROM ENGLAND; WILL CONFER WITH ZIONIST LEADERS

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here this morning from England. While in this country he will confer with American Zionist leaders on urgent political problems facing the Zionist movement.

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RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PROTESTS "EXCOMMUNICATION" OF PROF. MORDECAI KAPLAN BY ORTHODOX RABBIS

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A protest against the "excommunication" of Prof. Mordecai Kaplan, leader of the Reconstructionist movement, by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada was voiced today by the Rabbinical Assembly of America in a resolution adopted by its executive council. The resolution reads:

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America voices its strong condemnation of the recent action taken by a group of rabbis called together under the aegis of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis at a New York hotel convoked through an advertisement in the daily press. At this gathering, the Sabbath Prayer Book issued by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, and edited by our revered colleague Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan and three associates, was burned and he himself 'excommunicated' by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, which is one of several organizations of orthodox rabbis in the United States.

"The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national organization of the Conservative Rabbinate, denies the authority of any outside body to sit in judgment on one of our colleagues. We do not intend here to enter into a discussion of the merits of the Reconstructionist prayer book concerning which there is considerable difference of opinion within the ranks of the Rabbinical Assembly. In fact, authorized prayer books, prepared by a Joint Prayer Book Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue, have been prepared and will appear in the fall.

"Nonetheless, we are all unanimous in voicing our condemnation of the hysterical step taken by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. The action of burning a book of prayer, drawn in largest measure from the pages of Scripture and the entire range of Jewish sacred literature, and in which the Divine Name occurs times without number, is a clear violation of Jewish law. It constitutes a *hillul hashem*, a desecration of the Divine Name, which threatens to undermine respect for Judaism everywhere. Nor is it calculated to increase respect for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, which has in a moment of irresponsible hysteria stooped to methods employed by the arch enemies of religious freedom and democracy. The attempt to regiment the religious thinking and behaviour of Jews by methods of suppression which all civilized humanity has outgrown, is contrary to the spirit of Judaism, even as it is repulsive to all right thinking people.

"Conscious of the collective responsibility of the rabbinate to uphold the good name of Israel and the dignity of our faith, we feel called upon to apologize for this evidence of irresponsibility, which is prompted more by partisan rivalry than by honest zeal. We assure the public at large that the action of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis is in violation of the feelings of the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, whose loyalty to Judaism seeks to express itself not only through ritual observance and ethical conduct but also through a genuine respect for the freedom of man's conscience."

\$1,600,000 RAISED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE DURING CURRENT YEAR

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- Approximately \$1,600,000 was raised during the current year by the National Labor Committee for Palestine in the United States; it was reported today by A. Hamlin, secretary, at the closing session of a two-day conference of the Committee. This is an increase of \$400,000 as compared with the sum raised last year. The conference heard a number of reports on Palestine by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Israel Mereminsky, American representative of the Histadruth, and Eliahu Epstein and Reuben Zaslani, representatives of the political department of the Jewish Agency.

REFUGEES, ARRIVING IN PALESTINE, LAUD J.D.C. AID IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, June 19, (JTA) -- The aid given them by the Joint Distribution Committee during long months of internment in refugee camps in Switzerland and in North Africa was lauded here today by the 500 Jewish refugees who arrived in Haifa last night. The transportation of these refugees to Palestine was also financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Arab newspapers carry long articles on the activities of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and on the pro-Arab propaganda which is now being conducted by the Institute in connection with the visit of Abdul Ilah, Prince Regent of Iraq, to the United States. They also report in great detail the reception given to the Prince Regent by the Oriental faculty of Princeton University.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS IN NETHERLANDS ASK RETURN OF GEMS SURRENDERED TO NAZIS

WASHINGTON, June 19, (JTA) -- Return of 50,000 carats of diamonds paid by Jewish diamond merchants of the Netherlands to the Nazis to purchase their freedom, has been requested by leaders of the diamond industry in Amsterdam, it was reported here today.

Dutch diamond merchants have asked their government to intercede with the Allies to restore this loot, valued at approximately \$7,600,000, according to "Foreign Commerce Weekly," issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The return of these diamonds would greatly help restoration of Amsterdam's famous industry, the publication states.

The Dutch say that the individual "contributions" of the Jewish merchants, ranging from 20,000 to 120,000 guilders, ultimately failed to protect the dealers against deportation, since toward the end of the war, the Germans sent most of them to Cella, in Germany where the Nazis had established a complete diamond industry. American troops seized the train en route to Cella, "Foreign Commerce Weekly" reports, and freed the merchants.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN REITERATES SUPPORT OF FEPC IN MESSAGE TO NEW YORK RALLY

NEW YORK, June 19, (JTA) -- "The principle and policy of fair employment practice should be established permanently as part of our national law," President Truman said tonight in a message sent to a "Save the FEPC Rally," held in the Town Hall here.

The 2,000 persons who attended the meeting adopted a resolution asking the Senate Appropriations Committee to reinsert the appropriation for the present war-time FEPC in the War Agency Appropriations Bill and urged Congress to pass the bill calling for a permanent FEPC.

Speakers who addressed the rally included Rabbi J. X. Cohen, U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez, Rep. Charles LaFollette, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and other notables. Messages supporting the fight for the FEPC were received from Philip Murray, president of the CIO, William Green, president of the A.F.L., Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and others.

LEO KESNER, JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, June 19, (JTA) -- Leo Kesner, well-known Jewish writer and editor of the Philadelphia edition of the Jewish Daily Forward, died here today after a prolonged illness. He was 59 years old. Born in Bukovina, he studied in Austria and secured his Doctorate of Philosophy at Vienna University. He came to the United States shortly before the outbreak of World War I.