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FIVE JEWS KILLED IN POGROM IN SLOVAKIAN TOWN; ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN HUNGARY

PRAGUE, August 9. (JTA) — Five Jews were killed by a mob in an anti-Semitic street demonstration in Presov, Slovakia, it was reported here today. Few details were given beyond the general statement that the anti-Jewish attacks, carried out by Fascist elements, assumed the scope of a "regular pogrom." The police arrived too late to check the mob. Some of the leaders of the demonstration have been arrested.

Fascist disturbances, carrying generally a strong anti-Jewish character, are multiplying throughout Slovakia, according to information reaching here. Anti-Jewish feelings are also on the increase in Hungary. The average man in the street in Budapest and in other Hungarian cities blames the Jew for the chaotic economic conditions of the country. Sporadic anti-Jewish excesses are reported most frequent in provincial towns where people are easier given to the influence of propaganda by anti-Semitic elements.

JEWISH AGENCY WORKING ON "IMMEDIATE PLANS" TO BRING 1,000,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

LONDON, August 9. (JTA) — A \$24,000,000 budget for the work of the Jewish Agency in Palestine was asked today by Eliezer Kaplan, the Agency's treasurer, addressing the World Zionist Conference. This sum is not for aid to Jews now in Palestine, but for Jewish refugees who are expected to reach Palestine, he said.

Kaplan revealed that the Jewish Agency is making "immediate plans" for a million Jews to settle in Palestine. Dr. Emil Shmorak, head of the economic department of the Jewish Agency, in elaborating on Kaplan's statement, told the conference that investments amounting \$1,600,000,000 will be needed to establish a million Jewish newcomers in Palestine. The money, he said, will have to be provided from Jewish national funds and private sources.

The Manchester Guardian today emphasizes that Dr. Weizmann in his addresses before the World Zionist Conference made it plain that Britain may perhaps endorse the Zionist aim for an independent Jewish State, but will proceed slowly with practical steps. The paper comes to this conclusion on the basis of the fact that Dr. Weizmann said yesterday that the road to an independent state may be long and hard.

Ben-Gurion's five-point program outlined before the World Zionist Conference yesterday is "a direct challenge to Weizmann's leadership," the article in the Manchester Guardian says. Emphasizing that there are serious differences of opinion among the delegates at the conference, the paper says that the outcome of the conference will show "whether the Zionist movement is at present directed more by emotional forces which do not want to wait, or by sources conscious of Zionist responsibility to the world, and particularly to this country." The moderates, the article

concludes, have so far received little hearing at the conference, but their chances are not lost, the paper thinks.

At a reception for the delegates of the Zionist conference given today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Dr. Weizmann said: "We can summarize the problem of our present conference in one sentence, namely - to find a high road for Palestine. The goal is not yet achieved, but we have confidence in achieving it." He said that the fact that representatives of the Jewish survivors are participating in the World Zionist Conference "slightly relieves our sorrow for the tragedy of European Jewry, since those who emerged from the European hell are holding their heads high and are facing their new problems with courage, determination and confidence."

Silver and Wise May Become Members of Jewish Agency Executive

The executive of the World Zionist Organization today met with members of the American delegation to consider a number of political questions. It is understood that a suggestion is now under consideration to include Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise in the Jewish Agency executive.

Meanwhile Dr. Silver was today elected chairman of the political committee of the World Zionist Conference. Dr. Wise was elected co-chairman of the same committee. Zalman Rubashev, Palestine labor leader, was chosen vice-chairman.

CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL PROVIDES PUNISHMENT FOR ANTI-JEWISH CRIMES

WASHINGTON, August 9. (JTA) -- Emphasis was laid here today upon the fact that anti-Jewish persecutions, or any crime committed in Axis countries against Jews as such, on racial grounds before and during the war, will come within the jurisdiction of the International Military Tribunal, the constitution of which was made public today.

This will be the case even if the acts against the Jews were not in violation of the domestic laws of the countries where perpetrated, the constitution provides. Leaders, organizers, instigators and accomplices who took part in the planning or execution of anti-Jewish persecutions and the deportation and extermination of Jews are held responsible for all acts performed by any person in execution of such plan.

The text of the charter of the International Military Tribunal, says that, in addition to crimes against peace, the following acts, or any of them, are crimes coming within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal for which there shall be individual responsibility:

"War crimes. Namely, violations of the laws of customs of war. Such violations shall include, but not be limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation to slave labor or for any other purpose of civilian population of, or in, occupied territory, murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the seas, killing of hostages, plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages or devastation not justified by military necessity.

"Crimes against humanity. Namely, murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war; or persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds in execution of, or in connection with, any crime within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, whether or not in violation of the domestic law of the country where perpetrated. Leaders, organizers, instigators and accomplices participating in the formulation or execution of a common plan or conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing crimes are responsible for all acts performed by any persons in execution of such plan."

FRANCE NOT PREPARED TO HAND OVER THE EX-MUFTI; DOES NOT REGARD HIM A "WAR CRIMINAL"

PARIS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- No extradition demand for the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Hussein, who was used by the Nazis in an effort to arouse Hindus and Moslems against Britain, has been received by the French government, following the Yugoslav accusation that the ex-Mufti is a war criminal. The Belgrade government has charged that he had recruited Moslems in Bosnia and Herzegovina to fight against the Allies.

It is doubtful, moreover, whether the French are prepared to hand over the ex-Mufti with whom they have had good relations over a period of years and whom they once sheltered in Syria when he was compelled to flee Palestine. In any event, it was pointed out here today to the J.T.A. correspondent, a demand for his extradition would have to come from some international body, the United Nations War Crimes Commission, for example, and not from any individual country. There has been no such demand from the British Foreign Office.

When the correspondent sought today to see the ex-Mufti, who lives in the vicinity of Paris in a sumptuous villa with a beautiful garden, he was told that the former Palestine Moslem leader was not permitted to receive the press. The ex-Mufti is kept under what the French call "residential surveillance," which also serves as protection for him, it is officially explained.

The French government does not regard the ex-Mufti as a war criminal, and he is being accorded the treatment due to a great political and religious leader, and one belonging to an old and illustrious family, the J.T.A. correspondent was told by French officials. When the ex-Mufti surrendered to the French army in Germany, where he had been working as Hitler's agent, he had two secretaries among his considerable entourage. The secretaries were brought with him to live in a Paris suburb, but the others were left somewhere in Germany or Austria. The French questioned him after his surrender, but officials decline to give any indication of whatever statements the ex-Mufti made.

"ALIEN" JEWISH DOCTORS WHO FOUGHT AGAINST NAZIS PERMITTED TO PRACTICE IN FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Foreign-born physicians may practice medicine in France provided they have received a degree from a French university and have served as French army volunteers, combatants or took part in the resistance movement, according to a new decree. The law also applies to dentists.

Many Jewish doctors who were born in Eastern Europe but who completed their studies here will benefit under the new law. Previously they were forbidden to practice even though they were French army veterans or served in the resistance movement.

Licenses are renewable bi-annually on the recommendation of local Health and Administrative Boards and are restricted to those who have applied for French naturalization. The decree, however, also stipulates that licenses to practice may be granted to those who did not apply for naturalization provided they are in localities where French doctors are unavailable.

ARAB LEAGUE WILL FORM BODY TO BUY BACK LAND FROM JEWS IN PALESTINE

CAIRO, August 9. (JTA) -- Two Arab companies with a joint capital of \$6,000,000 will be formed by the Arab League for the purpose of buying back Arab land from Jews in Palestine, it was announced here today. Half of the capital will be provided immediately by the governments of the Arab states which are members of the league, the announcement said.

CARDINAL INNITZER SAYS NAZIS BEHAVED TOWARD JEWS IN VIENNA LIKE "WILD BEASTS"

VIENNA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Theodore Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, who, during the Nazi regime, was kept under close surveillance, today described to a J.T.A. correspondent the German treatment of Jews as "the most fiendish phase of Nazi barbarism.

"It was as wild beasts that the Nazis behaved toward the Jews," he said. "And that was supposed to have been the finest flowering of German culture. Those who have not actually seen their deeds of horror find them impossible to believe. During all these last years I have been confined to my home under Gestapo guard. Nevertheless, Jews were smuggled in to see me. They told me first hand of their problems and together we arranged such relief as was possible under the circumstances.

"For example," he continued, "we established a welfare service which sent hundreds of food packages monthly to the Theresienstadt concentration camp. The Nazis tried to break this up, but the joint work of Jews and Catholics continued. Unfortunately, they were all too few and those who worked with me on the project were seized by the Gestapo. Thank God, that the reign of terror has ended, though you can still see the marks of what we have experienced here," he concluded.

STATE DEPT. IS ASKED TO CONVEY JEWISH THANKS TO RUMANIA FOR LEGALIZING STATELESS JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- The State Department was asked today by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, to transmit to the Rumanian Government the Council's "congratulations and good wishes" on its decree restoring citizenship to stateless Jews."

Emphasizing that this policy of the Rumanian Government "is completely in accord with the true spirit of democracy and the Four Freedoms," Mr. Rosenwald, in a telegram to Secretary of State Byrnes asked the State Department to express "in behalf of Americans of Jewish faith associated in the American Council for Judaism, our confident conviction that the application of this policy will make for the solution of the problems of the Jews in Rumania and for the cultural, economic and social enrichment of the entire country."

Expressing "great elation" over the decree which restores citizenship to stateless people in Rumania and assures all in Rumania of the right to the free profession of creed and mother tongue, Mr. Rosenwald says in his telegram to the State Secretary: "To the Jews of Rumania this decree means that they will no longer be considered a foreign national minority but will be equal citizens differing from their fellow citizens only in their religious faith. They will be Rumanians of Jewish faith as we in this country are Americans of Jewish faith.

"This is a signal and highly significant step forward in the attainment of democracy in Rumania and in the full emancipation of all its people," the message continues. "The action of the Rumanian government, as reported, deserves to be a model for all countries in which there has been created a Jewish problem on the assumption of a separate Jewish nationality. In place of that divisive assumption, the announced policy of the Rumanian government is based on the concept of Jews as adherents of a great religion that is an integral part of the Judaic-Christian tradition of the Western World."