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ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN POLAND INCREASES; JEWS CONTINUE TO FLEE IN PANIC

PRAGUE, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews in Poland, threatened with death if they do not leave the country immediately, are continuing to move in carts and on foot to the American-held zone in Germany, it was reported here today.

Many of the fugitives have succeeded in reaching Munich, but others are prevented from continuing their "march" in that direction. Some groups are, therefore, seeking to reach Vienna, the report says.

Non-Jewish inhabitants of Poland arriving here today confirmed that the anti-Jewish terrorist movement in various sections of the country is not growing weaker, but is becoming stronger, and has thrown the Jews into a panic. The terrorist activities are centered mainly in Radom and in Cracow where the majority of the surviving Polish Jews reside.

"Leaflets are being distributed in these two cities warning the Jews that they will be killed if they do not leave the country," one of the arrivals stated. "That these are not idle threats is indicated by the fact that up to now 120 Jews have been killed in Cracow and four in Radom. Only the presence of Red Army units prevents the killing of Jews in other cities."

PALESTINE QUESTION WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today declared at a press conference here that the Palestine question is not on the agenda of the conference of foreign ministers.

Meanwhile, British Foreign Minister Bevin today received a cable from the Socialist Party in Argentina asking for free Jewish immigration into Palestine and for the abolition of the White Paper.

The London press reports today from Cairo that Raphael Sadovsky, a Palestine Jew who was arrested following the assassination last November of Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East, committed suicide in his cell.

According to the Cairo police, Sadovsky allegedly knew of the plot to assassinate Lord Moyne, but was not involved in it personally. The police say that his testimony will be used at the trial of several alleged Jewish terrorists arrested recently, including men and women in the armed services.

Reports from Palestine received here today state that Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan, was requested by Palestine Arab leaders "to prevent Zionist infiltration into Transjordan." The request followed a decision of the economic commission of the Arab League to press for prohibition of further sales of land to Jews in Palestine and for "tariff protection of Arab products."

The internal fight within the New Zionist Organization in England came to an end today when a party "court" settled the conflict and ordered the re-establishment of unity in the ranks of the organization.

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VILNA NOW HAS 4,000 JEWS; COMMUNITY LIFE REVIVING; ONLY TWO OF 105 SYNAGOGUES REMAIN.

VILNA, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- This city, which had a pre-war Jewish population of 80,000, today has 4,000 Jewish residents, it was reported today by Rabbi Isaac Azbanas, chairman of the Jewish religious community.

Practically all of the Jews have returned in the past year from the interior of the Soviet Union to which they were evacuated to escape death at the hands of the Germans. Of the Jews who were unable to flee in time, only five or six were found when the Red Army liberated Vilna.

Rabbi Azbanas disclosed that the revived Jewish community has begun to repair, as far as possible, the destruction wrought by the Nazis. Only two of the 105 synagogues in Vilna were spared, and the larger of those required major repairs. These have been made with materials furnished by the Soviet authorities and daily services are being held. Scribes are hard at work restoring Holy Scriptures which were desecrated by the Germans. Railings have been placed around the mass graves of the thousands of Jews who were murdered during the occupation.

In an attempt to reunite the surviving Jews of Vilna with relatives and friends, the community has established an office which investigates the whereabouts of persons concerning whom queries are received. Relief is being given to those who are destitute. Rabbi Azbanas said that 27,000 parcels had been received from the Joint Distribution Committee, but most of the assistance required by the Jewish community comes from the Soviet Government. The Lithuanian Soviet Government, he stated, recently opened a home for Jewish orphans.

SEN. WAGNER CHARGES BRITISH GOVERNMENT "FAITHLESS" TO ITS PROMISE REGARDING PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York, in an address prepared for delivery tonight on a national network, charged the British Government with being "faithless" to its promise regarding Palestine. He warned Britain that continuation of her present policies would cause her to suffer and urged the British Government "immediately to take all necessary steps, so that Palestine may be the kind of Jewish homeland which the Jews have worked and sacrificed to make it."

Declaring that this is an American as well as a British obligation, Wagner recalled the Congressional resolution favoring establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, and called on Congress to adopt another resolution "stronger and more positive than the first." He further expressed his belief that we should make every feasible representation to the British Government in exactly that same direction.

Wagner called for "the maximum of justice for the Jews," emphasizing that with the coming of the war "they threw all their strength and all their nerve into the fight against fascism." He declared that Palestine is "the core of the whole question of justice toward the Jew," and stressed that "our whole American history would be betrayed, if we did not range ourselves on the side of liberty and freedom which Palestine represents."

DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY TO GET 6,000,000 PARCELS INTENDED FOR WAR PRISONERS

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews in the American zone in Germany, who are going to be concentrated in special "Jewish camps," will receive 6,000,000 food parcels originally destined for Allied prisoners of war in Germany, it was reported here today.

JEWISH TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN AT THE TRIAL OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN NUREMBERG

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- One or two witnesses for the Jewish people will be invited to testify at the forthcoming trial of the Nazi war criminals in Nuremberg, where crimes against Jews will be used as primary evidence against the Nazi leaders, it was revealed today at a press conference arranged by the American Jewish Conference. (A report from London last month said that Dr. Chaim Weizmann had been invited to testify at the Nuremberg trials.)

Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Meir Grossman, spokesmen of the American Jewish Conference who have just returned from London, announced at the press conference the formation in London of a four-man committee which will draw up claims for reparations to be paid the Jewish people for damages inflicted by Germany and present these claims to the United Nations War Reparations Commission. This committee will also deal with "Idemnification of and compensation to Jews, the funds secured to be used for aid and constructive relief in those European countries where Jews still reside."

The four-man committee was formed jointly by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress. Another committee was set up in London by these three organizations to sift and prepare evidence on the Nazi plot to exterminate the Jewish people, for presentation to the Nuremberg tribunal. An agreement was also reached by the three organizations to establish a joint three-man secretariat in London.

It was announced at the press conference that a six-man team representing the American Jewish Conference will leave shortly for Europe to work under the supervision of the UNRRA and help rebuild the morale of the liberated Jews and advise them on resettlement plans.

POLICE HUNTING FOR VANDALS WHO WRECKED TALMUD TORAH ON ROSH HASHONAH

NEWBURGH, N.Y., Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The police of this city were hunting today for a band of vandals who broke into the Orthodox Talmud Torah here and virtually wrecked the building. The destruction occurred sometime Saturday night.

The vandals caused damage estimated at about \$3,000. Plumbing fixtures were ripped out, causing several floors to be flooded, blackboards were torn from the walls, desks were overturned and religious books were torn and scattered over the floors.

The police say that they have no clue as to the perpetrators of the crime, but are checking the alibis of persons known to be anti-Semitic or to have spread anti-Jewish propaganda.

Louis Shatz, a local businessman who heads a committee which has been seeking to organize a Jewish community center here, told the JTA that there have been no previous anti-Semitic incidents here, except for "some kid stuff."

N.Y. CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM HONORS TWO JEWISH TEACHERS WHO HELPED DEVELOP ATOM BOMB

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- To the roster of Jews who worked on the development of the atomic bomb can now be added the names of two New York high school teachers, Milton and Harold Goldberg, brothers.

At a public ceremony yesterday in the offices of the New York City Board of Education, Superintendent John Wade told the brothers that the board "takes pardonable pride in the fact that you are teachers in the public school system." Both of the Goldbergs have been working on the project since 1942.

BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT LIFTS BAN ON USE OF YIDDISH IN LETTERS SENT ABROAD

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Yiddish can now be used in letters sent from Brazil as a result of the government's lifting of the ban on the use of foreign languages during the war.

Although publication of newspapers in Yiddish is still prohibited here, a new Jewish weekly entitled "Journal Israelita," made its appearance on Rosh Hashonah. It is printed in Portuguese.

Local synagogues were filled with worshippers over the week-end as Brazilian Jews gave thanks for the victory and peace which have been achieved by the United Nations.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DENIES THAT SEDITION CASE IS CLOSED; SEEKS EVIDENCE IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Denying persistent reports that the Government had decided to drop the case against the 29 seditionists whose trial came to an abrupt end early this year when the presiding judge died, Attorney General Tom Clark said today that "the case is not closed." He would make no further comment.

From other sources it was learned that the prosecutor of the seditionists, O. John Rogge, is seeking evidence from captured Nazis in Europe to bolster his case. However, it is understood that all of the defendants will not be re-tried.

JABOTINSKY FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK; WILL PUBLISH ZIONIST LEADER'S WORKS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Jabotinsky Foundation for the purpose of collecting and publishing in English the literary works of Vladimir Jabotinsky, late world leader of the New Zionist Organization and outstanding writer, was announced here today.

The announcement invited all friends and admirers of Jabotinsky to become members of the foundation which is a non-profit membership corporation. Jabotinsky's famous novel about Samson, published under the title "Prelude to Delilah," is the first volume to be issued by the Foundation. It will appear this month. "The Story of the Jewish Legion," will be the next work published. It will appear next month with a foreword by Col. John H. Patterson, and will be followed by Jabotinsky's novel "The Five."

ALEXANDER SISKIND RABINOWITZ, OLDEST HEBREW WRITER, DIES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The entire Hebrew press today mourns the death of Alexander Siskind Rabinowitz, noted Hebrew writer and oldest novelist in Palestine, who died here at the age of 92.

Born in Russia, he came to Palestine in 1905 and was one of the first leaders of the Jewish workers in the country. He was one of the founders of the Poale-Zion Party in Russia. Six volumes of his collected works were published in Tel Aviv from 1934 to 1936. Many of his works were also published in Poland and in other countries.

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