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POLISH GOVERNMENT DEVOTES LARGE PART OF INDICTMENT OF NAZIS TO EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

WARSAW, Oct. 17. (JTA) — A 40-page brief submitted by the Polish Government to the Allied representatives who will prosecute the 24 top Nazis who are to be formally indicted in Berlin tomorrow, contains a large section devoted to the Nazi extermination of Jews in the camps and in the ghettos established in Poland, it was reported here today.

The Government charges the Nazi leaders with direct responsibility for the mass annihilation of Polish Jewry, with destruction of synagogues, killing of rabbis, looting of Jewish property and torturing millions of Polish Jews to death.

The Germans established about 200 places of internment and more than 1,000 places of slaughter in Poland, it was revealed here today. The number of Jews killed there — both Polish and those deported from other occupied countries to Poland — is estimated to be more than four million by a special department established by the Government for the purpose of gathering material concerning Nazi atrocities in Poland.

NEW TROOPS LAND IN PALESTINE; JEWISH UNDERGROUND RADIO APPEALS TO BRITISH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) — More British troops arrived at Haifa today from Britain aboard the 15,000-ton Dutch liner "Volendam." They disembarked with full equipment and will be transported to army camps in various parts of Palestine, it was announced.

The Jewish underground radio, "Voice of Israel," today directed a broadcast to the British soldiers, asking them whether it had been "illegal" for British troops to raid Norwegian waters during the war to release British war prisoners. "So will we release our prisoners by all ways and means at our disposal," the broadcast said. "We want peace with Britain. We do not want war. But those who estimate the strength of the Jewish self-defense organization at 60,000 are mistaken. Our self-defense groups number over 600,000, who will defend Jewish rights and save our Jewish brethren."

Arie Wallenstein, correspondent of the Palestine Hebrew newspaper "Haaretz," was deported today from Lebanon. The expulsion order, issued by the Ministry of Interior, did not indicate the reason for the deportation. Simultaneously, the Damascus police expelled a Jewish industrialist from Tel Aviv who was visiting Lebanon on business, and who had a Lebanese visa valid for two weeks.

JEWS IN GERMANY TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON COMPENSATION AND EMIGRATION

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) — A conference of delegates representing all Jews now living in Germany will shortly meet at Feldafing, near Munich, to discuss questions of compensation and emigration, the American News Service in Germany reports. Representatives of the UMRG, of the JDC and of the German authorities will attend the conference, the report said.

BRITISH TROOPS WILL BE UNABLE TO PREVENT JEWS FROM ENTERING PALESTINE, BEN-GURION SAYS

PARIS, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The power of the entire British Army, Navy and Air Force will be unable to prevent Jews from coming into Palestine, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today.

The Zionist leader stressed that the Jews in Palestine are united against application of the White Paper policy by the Labor Government. He said that they are ready to defend their rights by force of arms, if necessary.

Ben Gurion charged that officials of the British Colonial Office are doing everything possible to secure continuance of the White Paper, and are using the 1st and 6th British Airborne Divisions, recently sent into Palestine, as a threat to any dissidents. "The Jewish community in Palestine," he declared, "is not impressed by armed threats. Palestine Jewry is confident that the voice of justice and right will be heard by the world and will triumph over force."

FRINDSITY NOTICEABLE BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS IN PALESTINE, CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Jews and Arabs are mixing freely in Tel Aviv and in Jaffa, and peace reigns in the Arab villages, the Palestine correspondent of the Evening Standard reports today from Tel Aviv.

"Nothing is in the air to forecast Arab-Jewish troubles," he cables. "Nothing is noticeable of the atmosphere which prevailed during 1933-36 when long before the Arab outbursts the relations between Jews and Arabs were out and no Jews dared to appear in Jaffa while no Arab dared to enter Tel Aviv. The war has brought the Jewish and Arab populations in closer touch."

Lord Samuel, first High Commissioner for Palestine, in a broadcast today, declared that he does not understand "how the immediate establishment of a Jewish State or Commonwealth can be advocated as long as there are a million Arabs in Palestine." The Jews, he said, have a great claim on Palestine and the Jewish National Home there has been a great success. "I regard it unfortunate, however, that a controversy should take place at the present time on the question of a Jewish State," he stated.

The Daily Express reports today from Haifa that Rashid Ali el Gailini, the leader of the pro-Nazi revolt in Iraq during the war, is now in Mecca and has asked King Ibn Saud to give sanctuary in Mecca to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who is now interned in France. Rashid Ali reached Mecca after escaping from France, the report says, adding that three former collaborators of the ex-Mufti and of Rashid Ali are now in Syria and in Lebanon where they are contacting prominent politicians and conducting anti-Jewish propaganda.

The Manchester Guardian today publishes a letter from Konni Ziliacus, a Laborite member of Parliament, advocating lifting of the ban on Jewish immigration to Palestine. The Laborite leader warns that continuance of the White Paper will lead to "shedding the blood of Jews whom Britain has sworn to protect, will add boldness to the blackmailing of Arab nationalists, will bedevil the relations with the United States and will mean a moral blow for Labor, which might be fatal."

Emphasizing that he believes that Britain could deal unaided with any trouble in Palestine, Ziliacus says that the Labor Government is faced in Palestine "with the choice between two evils." Whatever decision the British Government takes it must take the risk of facing the prospect of trouble, he writes. "In such a situation honesty is the best policy," he points out, rejecting partition and suggesting the complete abrogation of the White Paper.

COMMUNIST AND MINISTER OF RELIGION BOTH SUPPORT JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Support for a Jewish state in Palestine came today from two widely separated sectors of Rumanian public opinion: the Communist Party and the Greek Orthodox Church.

At a public meeting here devoted to Jewish problems, M. Lucca, general secretary of the Communist Party, declared that "Jews have a right to their own state in Palestine and should be allowed to emigrate there." Lucca added, however, that "those who choose to remain in Rumania must support democratic groups."

At the same time, Father Constantine Burdurea, Minister of Religion, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the Bible proves that Palestine belonged to the Jews. All nations must help to bring about justice for the Jews by re-establishing a Jewish state. A solution of this paramount problem by all the nations," Father Burdurea continued, "will guarantee a lasting peace."

ONE OF 25,000 JEWISH CHILDREN DEPORTED FROM FRANCE BY GERMANS HAVE RETURNED

PARIS, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- None of the 25,000 Jewish children deported from France by the Germans have returned, it was revealed here today by M. Jefroykin, a member of the National Children's Week Committee.

Jefroykin told a press conference that about 5,000 to 6,000 Jewish children whose parents were killed by the Nazis are in France, being cared for in Jewish institutions or in the homes of non-Jews.

DR. FILDERMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF COLLABORATION; RELEASED AFTER TWO WEEKS

BUCHAREST, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Rumania, was arrested on Aug. 21 and detained until Sept. 9, it can now be revealed. The charge against him was that he collaborated with the German-dominated Antonescu regime.

Dr. Filderman is still under attack in left-wing circles. A speaker at a Communist meeting here yesterday reiterated the charge of his collaboration with the former pro-Nazi regime. (A Geneva dispatch to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Oct. 7, said that Filderman was being held under house arrest.)

JEWISH LEADER RECEIVES HIGHEST POLISH MILITARY AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY; DIED IN WARSAW REVOLT

WARSAW, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The *Virtuti Militari*, Poland's highest military decoration, has been awarded posthumously to Abram Blum, a member of the Jewish Socialist Bund who was one of the leaders of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt.

The decoration was presented to Blum's widow, Luba Blum-Bielicka, director of a Jewish children's home at Otwock, by a group of officers representing the high command.

Bund groups throughout Poland have been celebrating, this month, the 48th anniversary of the organization's establishment. Although many of its leaders perished in the struggle against the Nazis, Bund clubs have been re-established in Warsaw, Lodz, Cracow, Lublin, Czenstochowa, Tarnow and other smaller cities.

ABROGATION OF ALL NAZI RACIAL MEASURES DECREED IN STATE DEPT. DIRECTIVE TO EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. (JTA) — The abrogation of all Nazi measures establishing "discrimination on grounds of race, nationality, creed or political opinions," is ordered in a State Department directive to General Eisenhower regarding the military government of Germany, made public here today.

The directive stresses that any person who participated in racial persecutions and discriminations is to be treated as an active Nazi and not as a "nominal participant in party activities." At the same time, it ordered the immediate release of all persons in the American zone detained or placed in custody on grounds of race, nationality, creed or political opinions, and instructed that they are to be treated as displaced persons.

Special efforts were ordered to save documents, files, books, plans, scientific, industrial and other information belonging to "institutes and special bureaus devoting themselves to racial, political, militaristic or similar research or propaganda."

DISPLACED PERSONS MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF CAMPS, HARRISON DEMANDS, REPLYING TO EISENHOWER

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17. (JTA) — Earl G. Harrison U.S. representative on the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, who was sent by President Truman to Europe to study the condition and needs of displaced persons, especially Jews, in Germany and Austria, today issued a statement replying to Gen. Eisenhower's report assuring the President that "real and honest" efforts have been made to improve the living standard of the displaced people.

"General Eisenhower," Mr. Harrison said, "refers to improved conditions in the camps or centers. What we need is more action in getting the people out of the camps and less talk about improving conditions within the camps."

"General Eisenhower cites the fact that subordinate commanders are under orders to requisition German houses, grounds and other facilities without hesitation for the benefit of displaced persons. That has been true for many months, as I pointed out in my report. The trouble is the subordinate commanders are not carrying out the orders. For example, it was not until General Eisenhower himself visited Camp Feldafing a few weeks ago, after receipt of President Truman's letter forwarding a copy of my report, that German houses in the vicinity of the camp were requisitioned to relieve the overcrowded conditions in the camps."

Harrison "flatly" denied that displaced persons have absolute preference over Germans for housing. "That is true only on paper," he said, "and in a few isolated instances. In my report I offered to cite examples of quite the contrary, but I have never been requested to name names."

"I laud General Eisenhower's letter, the date of which has not been given, but I am sure it is quite recent, directing that necessary guarding of camps should be done by displaced persons themselves on a volunteer system and without arms. When I was there, United States' troops were guarding the camps. That is why I said that so long as we continued to keep Jews, for example, in camps under our guard instead of S.S. troops as formerly, we would appear to be treating the Jews as the Nazis treated them except that we do not exterminate them. There was nothing misleading about my statement, if there has been a change, though recent, I am very glad."

"One part of General Eisenhower's report is definitely misleading. He states that at the time of my report there were 'perhaps 1,000 Jews still in their former concentration camps.' What difference does it make whether they were in their former con-

centration camps if they are continued in camps. Shifting them from one camp to another, while having a slight psychological advantage, was scarcely liberation. General Eisenhower may be differentiating between the more notorious concentration camps and other camps in which slave laborers were kept by the Germans. To me they are all camps and not normal living.

"I direct attention to the fact that in my report I expressed, and I quote, 'complete admiration for what has been accomplished by the military units with respect to this phase of the post-fighting job.' I then proceeded to say that, 'now that the worst of the pressure of mass repatriation is over, it is not unreasonable to suggest that in the next and perhaps more difficult period those who have suffered most and longest be given first and not last attention.' Evidently this is beginning to happen under General Eisenhower's direction and that is progress."

Harrison's Report Lauded as "Constructive Service" to U.S. and Jews

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) — Expressing American Jewry's gratitude for General Eisenhower's energetic action to improve conditions of displaced Jews in American-occupied Germany and Austria, Dr. Israel Goldstein, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, at the same time declared, in a statement issued today, that Earl G. Harrison's report to President Truman had been a constructive service to the American people and the Jews of the world.

General Eisenhower had pointed out, in his reply to President Truman on the charges contained in the Harrison report, that he had acted upon Dr. Goldstein's July 15 recommendation that non-repatriable Jews be separated from other stateless people and placed in exclusively Jewish centers. "It is undoubtedly true that General Eisenhower has acted with the best will in the world, and that he has secured improvements in the administration of camps where displaced Jews are housed, but there have been times when his directives have not been carried out," said Dr. Goldstein.

BIGOTRY IN UNITED STATES DISCUSSED AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17. (JTA) — A discussion of the "forces subversive to American democracy," featured today's session of the three-day "Conference on Judaism and Democracy," which is being held to mark the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College. Principal speakers were Congressman Emanuel Celler, Rabbi J.A. Cohen and Sigmond Livingston.

"The program of bigotry is unmistakably allied to the problem of unemployment," Rep. Celler said. "If we keep that in mind we will work together for a better country and a better world. Freedom from want and freedom from fear go hand in hand. Here at least we have a concrete program. As citizens and voters, you alone can supply the answer."

DR. SILVER HONORED IN PITTSBURGH; HIS NAME INSCRIBED IN J.N.F. GOLDEN BOOK

PITTSBURGH, Pa. Oct. 17. (JTA) — Tribute was paid here today to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, in recognition of his services to the Zionist cause and his achievements in the field of Jewish scholarship, at a testimonial dinner tendered him by a special committee under the chairmanship of Judge Henry Ellenbogen.

More than 800 persons representing a cross-section of the Pittsburgh community attended the function. An album of inscriptions was presented to Dr. Silver on behalf of numerous local organizations and groups which contributed to the Jewish National Fund for the acquisition of at least four dunams of land in his name and which inscribed his name in the J.N.F. Golden Book.

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