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OSWIECIM COMMANDANT WHO DIRECTED MURDER OF 4,000,000 ADMITS GUILT AS TRIAL OPENS

WARSAW, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Rudolf Hoess, former commandant of the Oswiecim death camp, who has been described as the "greatest mass-murderer in history," today admitted responsibility for everything that transpired at the camp, in a brief statement issued at the opening of his war crimes trial before the highest Polish tribunal.

Before Hoess testified the chief prosecutor stated that the trial was taking place at a very appropriate time in view of the Big Four meeting in Moscow. He urged that the Moscow conferees observe the proceedings carefully and balance the accounts of what happened at Oswiecim with the Germans' plea for mercy. He charged that Hoess was responsible for the murder of 4,000,000, seventy-five percent of whom were Jews.

The trial which is expected to last three weeks is attracting great attention because of its international character. Many governments are involved, since the people murdered by order of Hoess included men and women of many nationalities. In addition to Polish Jews who will appear as witnesses, many foreigners will be among those who will testify.

Seven U.S. Prosecutors Attending Trial as Observers

Seven members of the American section of the international military tribunal in Germany are attending the trial as observers. Jewish physicians and scientists from France, Czechoslovakia and Norway have been summoned to testify both as experts and eye-witnesses. The Association of Italian Jews has a representative, Colonel Mark Vitale, among the observers sent by the Italian Government.

Hoess, who was captured in the American zone of Germany, denied, when questioned by American investigating authorities that he had sent 4,000,000 to death in the gas chambers at Oswiecim. He estimated that those gassed at his orders totalled about 2,000,000.

Hoess was born 47 years ago in Baden Baden, Germany, and joined the Nazi party long before Hitler came to power. Prior to being appointed commandant of Oswiecim he was one of the administrators of the Dachau camp. He was surrendered by the U.S. military authorities to Poland at the request of the Polish Government.

Former Nazi Mayor of Polish Town Sentenced to Death for Deporting Jews

LODZ, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Adolf Eher, a German resident of the town of Lask, was sentenced to death by the Lodz district court for organizing the deportation and the liquidation of the Jewish population of Lask during the Nazi occupation.

Upon the entrance of the German army into Lask, Eher was appointed mayor of the town. At his trial he was also charged with appropriating Jewish property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

IRISH WOMAN WHO BETRAYED 66 JEWS TO GESTAPO SENTENCED TO DEATH BY HAGUE COURT

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Ann Van Dyk, 47, reported to be Jewish, who was convicted by a Dutch court of having betrayed 66 Jews to the Gestapo during the occupation of Holland, was today sentenced to death. She is the first Dutch woman to be sentenced since 1945. She was sentenced by a court in The Hague.

AMERICAN HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING LINKED TO IMMIGRATION, ECONOMIC SURVEY FINDS

NEW YORK, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Immigration to the United States has brought with it a higher standard of living for the American people and increased employment, according to an economic report released last night by the National Committee on Immigration policy, which is headed by Earl Harrison, former U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

The report points out that these facts are important in the light of present moves to liberalize immigration quotas. It adds: "Fears among Americans that immigration tends to displace native-born workers from their jobs and to create unemployment are not supported by scientific analysis. Immigrants have not only as workers increased the labor supply in this country but have as consumers increased the demand for more goods and thus the total number of workers needed."

Citing the experience of Canada and Australia, the report asserts that the economic problems of the two countries "are believed to be rooted chiefly in the sparsity of their population." It also declares that the United States is "entering upon a period of declining growth of population," and that "American prosperity has in the past always been linked with an expanding population."

The report was prepared by Prof. Henry Miller, assistant director of the Social Research Laboratory of City College, and Dr. Carolyn Zeleny, research assistant of the Committee. The Committee is already preparing another study on the relationship between immigration and population.

GUARDS PLACED AROUND SALONIKA CEMETERY FOLLOWING A.J.C. INTERVENTION

NEW YORK, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today announced that following representations made in Greece, to the Minister of Justice and to former Regent Archbishop Damaskinos, by Dr. Max Gottschalk, director of its foreign affairs department, steps are now being taken to halt the vandalism that had been practised in the Jewish cemetery of Salonika.

A message from Salonika to the American Jewish Committee states that the Governor General of Macedonia has authorized the hiring of two guards for the cemetery to be designated by the Jewish community and paid by the government. A further message to the American Jewish Committee from Athens states that 41 boxes, weighing 15 tons, of archives and publications looted by the Nazis, have been returned from Germany and unloaded at Piraeus.

SPONSOR OF BILL BARRING EDUCATIONAL BIAS IN N.Y. RENEWS FIGHT FOR MEASURE

ALBANY, N.Y., Mar. 11. (JTA) -- Assemblyman Bernard M. Austin today announced his intention of continuing the fight to have the current session of the New York State Legislature take favorable action on the Austin-Mahoney Bill before it adjourns this month.

Denying reports that he had withdrawn sponsorship of the bill which would outlaw discrimination in education on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Assemblyman Austin, in a prepared address for the State Assembly declared: "I have not withdrawn my sponsorship. Quite the contrary. I believe more than ever that it is urgent that this bill be enacted into law."

The Assemblyman said that he was "utterly unable to share the views of those who say that this matter should rest until the temporary commission to study the need for a State University has made its report. I am a member of the latter Commission. I say categorically that both problems are virtually independent of each other."

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES RESOLUTION FOR UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN I.R.O.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the joint resolution, providing for United States participation in the International Refugee Organization.

The key modification states that membership in the organization shall not in any way authorize "any temporary emergency or other immigration or admission to the United States or its territories or possessions of any refugees or displaced persons referred to in the constitution of the IRO." The President, "or any officer, representative or agency of the U.S.," is likewise prohibited, by the amendment, from authority to conclude any agreement with the organization. The amendment also provides that authorization for membership shall not be construed to affect in any way any other matter requiring action by Congress.

Instead of a blanket authorization for necessary funds for the American contribution to the IRO, another amendment limits the sum to \$75,000,000.

The proper care and effective resettlement of European war refugees and displaced persons depends upon United States cooperation in the problem, State Department and Justice Department officials told the Washington section of the National Council of Jewish Women today.

George L. Warren, Advisor on Refugees and Displaced Persons to Gen. John H. Hilldring, Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, said he had "great confidence" that four more nations would soon sign the IRO constitution, completing the total of fifteen required before the organization can function. He suggested Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia and "two or three" South American countries as possibilities.

54,000 JEWISH CHILDREN MUST BE TAKEN TO PALESTINE, HADASSAH CONFERENCE IS TOLD

NEW YORK, Mar. 11. (JTA) -- There are 54,000 Jewish refugee children in Europe who are doomed to become an international social problem unless they are transferred to Palestine, 100 members of the national board of Hadassah were told here today during their mid-winter conference at the Park Central Hotel by Mrs. Waitstill Hastings Sharp, of Boston, who made her first address in this country after a month's intensive survey of conditions among child refugees in the Holy Land, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mrs. Sharp, a well-known relief worker for the Unitarian Service Committee, the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, and the President's War Relief Control Board, was sent abroad two months ago by Hadassah to gather material on the needs and problems of Jewish child refugees in Europe, and returned to this city last week.

"If we wait two more years to resolve the excruciating problems existing among what is left of a whole generation of Jewish youth in Europe, these children will disappear. They will be lost to the democratic world for which we all fought so bitterly. They will be absorbed into that underground of sub-social life which is being created in Europe by political wrangling, economic bankruptcy and continued anti-Semitism," Mrs. Sharp said.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national youth refugee chairman of Hadassah, reported that \$310,000 had been raised thus far by Hadassah for the maintenance and education of Youth Aliyah children brought to Palestine this year.

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