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AMERICAN EMBASSY HELPS PALESTINIANS IN VICHY

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA)-- The Jewish Agency executive today learned that a number of Palestine Jews who are held in concentration camps in unoccupied France are receiving regular assistance from the American embassy in Vichy.

Normal travel between Iraq and Palestine was resumed when the first autobus with passengers and goods since the British occupation of Iraq arrived here today. The passengers stated that order has been fully restored and the situation in Iraq is calm. Roads, too, are now cleared, they said.

CHIEF RABBI OF YUGOSLAVIA ESCAPES TO TURKEY

LONDON, July 7, (JTA)-- Dr. Isaac Alkalay, chief rabbi of Yugoslavia, accompanied by his wife and daughter, have arrived in Istanbul, it is reported here by the Times correspondent in that city.

Dr. Alkalay, whom certain correspondents reported as being killed during the bombing of Belgrade, left Belgrade with his family on April 7th, the day after the Germans bombed the city. His journey to Istanbul was made mostly on foot.

NAZIS ORDER CENSUS OF WARSAW JEWISH BUILDING WORKERS

GENEVA, July 7, (JTA) Nazi authorities in Poland ordered the Jewish Council of the Warsaw ghetto to conduct a census of all Jewish artisans and of workers employed in the building industry, it is reported in the Gazetta Zydowska which reached Switzerland today.

The same issue reports that the famous Tlomackie Synagogue in Warsaw was closed down by the community due to the lack of funds.

The latest reports which reached Geneva today from Nazi occupied Poland state that the Jewish ghettos in Warsaw and Lublin did not suffer from the Soviet air raids.

The death of Doctor Jacob Szwaajcer, ninety year old director of the largest Jewish hospital in Warsaw, is reported in the Gazetta Zydowska.

NAZIS CONFISCATE PROPERTY OF POLISH JEWS IN THE PROTECTORATE

ZURICH, July 7, (JTA)-- Jews of Polish origin residing in Bohemia-Moravia, who gave up or lost their Polish citizenship, becoming stateless persons, have been reinstated as Polish citizens by decree of Baron von Neurath, Reichs-protector of the Czech lands, according to the Prague press. This decree makes these persons immediately subject to the earlier Nazi decree requiring the registration of all property owned by Polish Jews and providing for its confiscation.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE PROBES ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN FLORIDA

MIAMI, July 2, (JTA)-- The Florida regional office of the Anti-Defamation League started an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the sending of an anonymous letter through the mails attacking the Jewish community in Palm Beach. The letter signed "Palm Beach Vigilantes" bewails "the recent rental and sale of Palm Beach property to Jews" and speaks of a "Semitic invasion of Palm Beach". Actually there is barely a handful of Jews in this community. After making other false charges, the writers excuse their anonymity on the ground that "they do not feel free to sign their names because of the necessity of protecting their businesses and their families from reprisal".

ANGLO JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS POST-WAR PROBLEMS

LONDON, July 7, (JTA)-- Problems concerning the situation of the Jews after the war were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The meeting which was held in Manchester, was the first ever convened outside of London by the Board.

Reporting on the aspects of the Jewish situation after the war, Professor Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board, declared that British Jewry will have to shoulder a great financial burden in rehabilitating the crushed European Jewries. He divided the Jews into three categories, 1. Jews who will remain in Europe and will require assistance for their reconstruction. 2. Jews who will emigrate after the war to old established countries. 3. Those who will be resettled in territories requiring development, notably Palestine.

Professor Brodetsky also reported that the Board of Deputies has established contact with representatives of various governments in exile which are now in England. Discussions were carried on with these governments on post-war Jewish problems.

General Sikorski, Polish premier today received a cable from the Federation of Polish Jews in Tel Aviv expressing satisfaction in behalf of the Polish Jews in Palestine, with the Premier's speech of June 23 on Polish-Soviet relations.

VICHY DECREES 2 PER CENT QUOTA FOR JEWISH LAWYERS

VICHY, July 7, (JTA)-- A decree published here today regulates the status of Jewish lawyers in unoccupied France, limiting their number to two per cent of the total number of the profession. The decree adds however that the number of Jewish lawyers in any town cannot exceed that prior to June 25, 1940. Exceptions are made in cases of war veterans and of such attorneys as are especially designated by the Minister of Justice, for special professional merit.

The decree allows Jewish lawyers one month to inform the proper authorities of their Jewish origin. Those who are war prisoners or still in the French army must report their Jewishness to the authorities within two months after their discharge.

B'NAI B'RITH TO PROVIDE TORAH SCROLLS FOR JEWISH SERVICES IN ARMY CHAPELS

WASHINGTON, D.C. July 7, (JTA)-- B'nai B'rith is launching a nation-wide campaign among its 1,000 men's and women's units to obtain Sefer Torahs (Scrolls of the Law) for use during Jewish religious services to be held in the non-sectarian chapels being built at more than 500 army posts and camps by the Federal government, it was announced here by Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of its national defense committee.

Wherever necessary B'nai B'rith will purchase Sefer Torahs but an intensive effort will be made to have lodges and auxiliaries borrow from local synagogues extra Torahs, provided they are in perfect condition, for use in army chapels, Mr. Monsky said. Arrangements for this national B'nai B'rith project were cleared through the Jewish Welfare Board and its national religious chairman, Dr. David de Sola Pool, of New York City.