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### JEWISH QUARTERS HARD HIT IN NAZI AIR RAIDS OVER POLAND; 8 ORPHANS KILLED IN WARSAW SUBURB

WARSAW, Sept. 4. (JTA)—A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent today visited the Jewish quarters of the city, inhabited by approximately 350,000, which were among the hardest hit in the series of Nazi air raids since Germany invaded Poland.

Two houses in the Jewish suburb of Kolo were completely destroyed by bombs. Ten persons were killed and 50 others wounded. Bombs dropped by Nazi fliers on the suburb of Otwock killed eight Jewish orphans, two Jews and two Jewesses, and wounded 30.

A total of 100 bombs were dropped on Warsaw alone during the Friday raids. The city of Lublin was bombed Saturday, with 30 persons killed, including five children, and 58 others seriously wounded. Many Jews were among the casualties.

There were many Jewish victims also in Saturday's air raids of Brest, Rzeszow, Radom and Cracow. Warsaw was bombed eight times in all on Saturday.

A special session of the Sejm yesterday cheered a declaration by Jewish parliamentarians that the Jewish population without exception stood ready to make all sacrifices to ensure Poland's victory in her war with Germany.

Zbonzsyn, Polish frontier town which until last week was the site of a large Jewish refugee camp, has been recaptured by the Polish forces, it was announced by the Polish radio.

Jewish communities throughout Poland formed coordinating state defense committees to cooperate with the authorities. All Jewish groups, including rabbinical, Zionist, labor and youth organizations, responded enthusiastically to President Ignace Moscicki's manifesto calling upon the nation to resist Germany's invasion. All of the bodies published appeals to their memberships to cooperate with the Government in every way and voiced the Jewish population's determination to make every sacrifice in defense of the nation.

### PALESTINE JEWS, 18 TO 50, REGISTERED FOR AID TO BRITISH ARMY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA)—Registration of all Jewish men and women between the ages of 18 and 50 for national service was announced today after a joint meeting of executives of the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council.

Those enlisting will be used (1) for security purposes and (2) to render the British army in Palestine any necessary assistance, it was stated.

The Jewish Agency issued a statement calling for assistance to the British army and people, and urging discipline and national service.

"In this emergency, Palestine Jewry must maintain a triple front," the statement said, "for defence of the Jewish homeland, the security of the Jewish people and the victory of the British Empire."

The statement added that opposition to Britain's new Palestine policy was not directed against Britain itself.

The moment war was declared against Germany, the British authorities detained Germans throughout Palestine. The police hauled down the swastika flying over the German Consulate here, while Jewish crowds cheered.

A wave of enthusiasm for Britain has swamped the bitterness engendered by the recent White Paper on Palestine, under which an independent Arab-dominated Palestine state was to be created with the Jews fixed as a one-third minority. On almost every street the conversation turned to how the Jews might help Britain.

The Arab Christian newspaper Falastin said editorially that the Arabs must also support Britain if only to prevent the Jews from profiting by their support.

### 2 Refugees Slain By British Cutter

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Two illegal Jewish immigrants were killed today, it was officially announced when a British Coast Guard cutter opened fire on a ship carrying 1,400 refugees which deliberately attempted to ram the cutter in order to land its passengers. The refugees were later landed in Tel Aviv and interned in Sarafend concentration camp. The ship was the S.S. Tigerhill, famous as a blockade breaker during the Spanish civil war.

### Zionist Paper Sees Jews Forming Volunteer Legions

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- The Zionist Review, organ of the British Zionist Federation, declared editorially today that the Jewish people would lead a movement for volunteer legions from neutral countries to aid England. The editorial, written before Britain and France entered the war, said the entire weight of Palestine Jewry would be placed on the side of Britain and the democracies.

### FORCED LABOR FOR JEWS IN FULL SWING IN REICH; KULTURBUND BANNED, FUNDS SEIZED

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Compulsory employment of able-bodied young Jews and Jewesses on manual labor projects in Germany, which began early in August, is now proceeding on a large scale, according to telephonic information from Berlin today. A first installment of 80 employees of the Berlin Jewish Community has been drafted for manual labor projects, including road-building, house construction for men, factory work in the garment industry for women.

Of 350 Kulturbund--Jewish cultural association--employees, 26 have been taken as a first installment for manual labor. Officials of the Kulturbund were notified by the Nazi authorities that it may become necessary to commandeer the sole Jewish theater in Berlin to billet 300 soldiers, but this step has not yet been taken.

The drafted Jewish workers are being paid the same rate as "Aryans" and are being treated the same, although they are kept segregated and work separately. The advent of forced labor for younger members of the community is an event of considerable importance from the economic viewpoint, because it may help to take some of the strain off the heavily burdened Jewish communities.

The Reich Propaganda Ministry has totally prohibited the activities of the Kulturbund, closing its theater and cinema and assuming control of its treasury. The Kulturbund's treasury was almost empty because 20,000 marks had been distributed to employees as a precautionary measure.

At the same time, the Propaganda Ministry ordered the Juedisches Nachrichtenblatt, German Jewry's only newspaper, reduced to four pages to appear on Tuesdays and Fridays, instead of the former 12 to 16 pages, and intimated possible further reduction in size, perhaps total suspension.

Total liquidation of the Kulturbund's affairs will probably be ordered next week, when stringent action by the Government is expected. The Kulturbund was formed under Government auspices to provide theatrical, moving picture and other entertainment for the Jews when they were prohibited from attending German entertainment houses.

#### HITLER BLAMES JEWS FOR TURNING BRITAIN AGAINST GERMANY

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Chancellor Adolf Hitler, in his appeal to the German people yesterday, blamed the "Jewish plutocratic and democratic upper crust" for the Allies' declaration of war against the Reich.

"The German people know," he said, "that the British people as a whole cannot be made responsible for all this. It is that Jewish plutocratic and democratic upper crust which, in all peoples of the world, desires to see only obedient slaves and which hates our new Reich because it sees in it a model for social work which it fears because it might prove contagious also in their country."

In his reply to Britain's ultimatum demanding German withdrawal from Poland, Hitler said: "The German Government is not willing to tolerate conditions similar to those now existing in Palestine, which is a British protectorate."

#### THOUSANDS OF EXILES FACE INTERNMENT BY ALLIES, WASHINGTON HEARS; NEW QUOTA PLAN MAPPED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Tens of thousands of Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria and former Czecho-Slovakia who have reached England and France will be interned in the Allied countries, the State Department heard today from abroad.

Robert Pell, in charge of the Department's refugee activities, said many of those interned later may come to America under the German, Czech and Austrian quotas under plans now being worked out.

Immigration from Germany and Nazi-dominated countries has ended, Pell said, but the quotas still remain, and Jews and other refugees who have succeeded in leaving Germany can come to the United States when visas are available.

Many of the refugees in the Allied countries are now in camps. Thousands of them have volunteered for service with the Allied armies, and it is believed here that plans will be perfected by which their services can be accepted.

As for the remainder, Britain and France hope that the United States will take as many as the quotas will allow and those unable to reach America under the quotas will be interned for the duration of the war with small hope of finding a new homeland.

Meanwhile, it became certain today that the war situation has forced cancellation of the White House conference on refugees called by President Roosevelt for next month. Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, will come to Washington this week, probably on Wednesday, to confer with State Department officials.

The war had another echo in Washington when two bluecoats were seen pacing a beat in front of the German Embassy. Inspector Thompson, chief of detectives, said the detail was "the regular force guarding the embassy district."

#### SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR REFUGEES LOOMS IN ENGLAND AS ALIENS LAW IS TIGHTENED

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) - The British Government will immediately review the cases of all Germans and Austrians residing in England, Home Secretary Sir John Anderson declared today, announcing in Commons the measures to be taken regarding aliens.

A large proportion of the Germans now in England are refugees, and there is a general desire to avoid treating as enemies those who are friendly to the country which offered them asylum, the new Home Secretary stated.

The Home Office announced yesterday that the Aliens Law has been amended by an order-in-council requiring all enemy aliens over 16 years of age to report immediately to the police. The order forbids Germans and Austrians to change their residence without prior approval of the police, to travel more than five miles from their residence without permit or to be absent from their residence for more than 24 hours without reporting to the nearest police station. It includes German and Austrian refugees, while refugees from former Czecho-Slovakia are apparently affected only by the general regulations for aliens.

#### YOUNG JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN FRANCE ENLIST FOR FARM WORK

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA) - The Association of Jewish Youth Organizations is mobilizing Jewish boys and girls of 14 to 18 to send them into the fields to help with the harvest. The action, designed to help fill the gap created on the farms by the general mobilization decree, was taken with the approval of the labor and agricultural ministries.



The Organization of Immigrant Jewish Youths, meanwhile, issued a declaration stating that its membership was aware that its place at this time was in the ranks of the French nation which was fighting for justice, liberty and equal treatment.

Reports from Tunis and Algiers tell of the enthusiastic patriotism being displayed by the Jewish populations there. In Tunis, thousands of Jews are besieging the recruiting offices to enlist for war service. Their number is so large that the offices were unable to handle them in one day.

The entire French press has been impressed by the attitude of the immigrants and their eagerness to enlist. The newspapers emphasize that among those registering for voluntary service are many Jews of all professions and particularly feature the story of a former Austrian rabbi who appeared at a recruiting office and asked to be taken into the French army.

#### HIAS-ICA SPEEDS EXIT OF REFUGEES HOLDING VISAS

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Acting on the French Government's wishes to have potential emigrants out at harbors where they could await steamships, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association is organizing transports of refugees to Le Havre and Bordeaux.

All these refugees were holders of valid visas for overseas lands. The feverish work was supervised by Edouard Ungre, of Paris, and James L. Bernstein, of New York, directors of the organization, making it possible for many aged refugees to proceed to countries abroad, including the United States, on American and other steamers. Both directors of the refugee-aid organization are remaining in Paris, working with a reduced staff since part of the personnel was mobilized.

Meanwhile, 200 refugee physicians have volunteered for Government service through the Paris headquarters of the OSE, Jewish health society.

#### AID GROUP REMAINS IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- The French Committee for Defense of Rights of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe, headed by Senator Justin Godart, is remaining in Paris and is occupied with evacuation of Jewish refugees and distribution of gas masks, according to Boris Gourevich, vice-president of the committee, who is in the United States on a mission for the organization.

#### ROME BEGINS MASS ARRESTS OF JEWISH FOREIGNERS

ROME, Sept. 4. (JTA) The Italian authorities have begun mass arrests of foreign Jews in northern Italy, throwing some into prison for not leaving the country and releasing others who were able to prove that they were prepared to depart. Eight Jews seized in Turin are reported to have been escorted to the German border. No further information concerning their fate has been received.

The nearly 4,000 Jewish refugees from Germany who are still here are reported in a pitiful condition, since the Government has closed down the Jewish relief committee for refugees and they are penniless. Many are living on house-to-house beggary. For living quarters large groups huddle in one room or walk the streets at night.

Hundreds of Jews who moved to the French border in the hope of eventually being able to cross into France have been ordered by the Italian border authorities to evacuate the area. Trapped and without the relief committees to advise them, their attempts to leave Italy are hopelessly unorganized and futile. At the same time, the Government continues to insist that they must emigrate.

A group of nearly 100 almost succeeded in escaping into a new life by embarking on the Conte di Savoia in Naples last Wednesday as immigrants to America, only to be disembarked in Genoa when orders were issued to hold Italian ships in home ports.

#### OVER 5,000 U. S. JEWS SEEK TO ENLIST IN CANADIAN FORCES

OTTAWA, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- More than 5,000 American Jews are seeking to enlist in the Canadian militia for possible service overseas, it was announced today by Defense Minister Ian MacKenzie.

Mr. MacKenzie said American citizens were ineligible for enlistment as the Militia Act stipulates that candidates must be British subjects. Mere taking of the allegiance oath does not qualify candidates for enlistment, he declared, adding that "no decision has been made to 'turn Admiral' Nelson's blind eye' in respect to the King's regulations, which in the last war were honored in the breach rather than in observance."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- Many Jews are among the hundreds of Americans volunteering to fight for France, the French Embassy said today.

#### Polish Jews Here Join United Body To Aid Poland

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- The Federation of Polish Jews in America announced today that it has called meetings of its constituent groups throughout the country "to take the necessary measures to help the Jews in Poland and to cooperate with all the local Polish groups in the respective territories who are organizing for the defense of the Polish Republic."

The Federation has pledged its support to a new central council, or Rada, formed to coordinate efforts in this country to help Poland. The organization is "ready to cooperate to the fullest extent with all other, non-Jewish groups in America in defense of Poland's independence, in keeping with the pledge of support given by the Federation to the Polish Ambassador last Wednesday," declared Executive Director Zelig Tygel in a statement.

The Federation also stated that it is in a position to transmit contributions to Polish Jews by cable.

#### N.Z.C. Calls On World Jewry To Aid Democracies

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA)-- The presidency of the New Zionist Organization today issued a message to world Jewry declaring that the Jewish nation's place was on all fronts where Poland, Britain and France would fight for the "foundations of society."

The Jewish youth of Poland should remember, in dying for Poland, that they will ensure the life of Poland, the rebirth of Palestine as a Jewish state and the triumph of truth, the message said.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, president of the organization, telegraphed President Moscicki of Poland asserting that Poland's resolve saved Europe and praying for God's blessing to Poland, President Moscicki, Marshal Edward Rydz-Smigly and Poland's soldiers of all creeds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) - The New Zionist Organization of America declared in a statement today that if the British Government proclaimed Palestine on both sides of the Jordan as a Jewish State Jews in neutral countries would volunteer, in far larger numbers than during the last war, to form a "Jewish army" which would fight on any front to which it would be called.

#### FEDERAL RADIO BODY BEGINS PROBE OF DETROIT STATION'S BAN ON ANTI COUGHLINITE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) - The Federal Communications Commission today began an investigation as to whether Radio Station WJR, Detroit, from where Charles E. Coughlin's broadcasts originate, acted in "the public interest, convenience and necessity" in barring from the air the Rev. Walton E. Cole, pastor of the First Unitarian Church at Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Cole had contracted for time to answer Coughlin's veiled attacks on the Jews and he had intended to charge the "radio priest" with pro Nazi tendencies.

**JAMES L. FLY**

If the commission finds WJR failed to act "in the public interest," it can refuse to renew the station's licence. ~~James L. Fly~~, F.C.C. chairman, sent a letter to Station WJR demanding to know why it had refused to allow Cole to go on the air although the broadcast had been arranged and the text passed as not libelous by the station's attorney. He also sent a letter to Rev. Cole in which he said the F.C.C. could not compel WJR to allow him the freedom of the air but could and would take up the broader matter of "public interest."

Stowie's letter to Cole said:

"Except in cases involving the use of facilities of a broadcasting station by regularly qualified candidates for public office, the commission has no power to compel a station to permit a particular individual to use its facilities. Any right of redress which you may have by reason of a contractual relationship with station WJR pertaining to the use of its facilities cannot be adjudicated by this commission but is a matter for the courts.

"Insofar as your complaint states WJR is acting as a vehicle for one-sided propaganda rather than for free discussion of controversial subjects it will be investigated by this commission and the incident described considered as it may bear upon whether WJR is operating in the public interest."

#### 40 ZIONIST DELEGATES TO CONGRESS ARRIVE ON QUEEN MARY AFTER TENSE VOYAGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) - After a five day voyage marked by nightly "black outs" and tension over the war crisis, the first group of some 40 American delegates to the Geneva Zionist Congress returned this morning on the liner Queen Mary with the message that Zionists were united in support of the democracies and expected a Palestine Jewish state to emerge from the present conflict.

Met by joyous relatives and friends on the crowded West Fiftieth Street Cunard pier, the Zionists told of their difficulties in arranging steamship passage from crisis stricken Europe. After receiving American Embassy assurances that they would be evacuated by an American battleship if necessary, they waited at the French port of Nacqueville from Aug. 26 to 30 and finally embarked for a voyage during which they listened anxiously to radio bulletins and observed rigid "black-out" restrictions, not even being able to smoke on deck at night.

In an interview with Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and with leaders of the various factions, including General Zionists, the Poale Zion, Mizrachi and Hadassah, three salient points emerged:

- (1) The Zionists and world Jewry are virtually unanimous in support of the allies in the present war, Britain's Palestine policy having been submerged in the emergency.
- (2) Zionists expect a "new deal" for Palestine as a result of the war and the emergence of a Jewish state.
- (3) The United States will be more than ever a center of Zionist activities and American Jewry will be obliged to make unprecedented contributions of men, money and moral strength.

Dr. Goldman issued the following statement after consultation with other Zionists:

"The 21st Zionist Congress, convened only two weeks ago in Geneva, seems just now far removed from us. The cataclysmic events of the last several days confront civilized humanity with only one issue--that of assuring the victory of humanity over barbarism. The British and French people are fighting for all of us. Unless we are badly informed, hundreds of thousands of Germans will desert to the Allies. Hitler will go down to ignominious defeat, leaving behind only the bleak memories of an evil nightmare.

"The Zionist Congress, meeting on the eve of war, again proved that Zionism is guided by principles and not by expediency. Despite the injustice perpetrated on our movement by the recent White Paper on Palestine, we instantly decided where our duty lies. In the present struggle, Zionists as always will be found on the side of humanity and civilization. The new struggle for justice inspires Zionists with renewed hope. The Balfour Declaration was conceived and born when mankind was fighting for democracy--we believe that declaration will not only receive reaffirmation now but also its implementation at a time when peoples are warring, in the words of Chamberlain, for justice and against persecution. The Zionists in the United States will understand their special responsibility in this grave hour."

Amplifying the statement in an interview, Dr. Goldman said that "the war and the prospects for a new world order--and therefore for larger opportunities in Palestine--overshadowed the discussion of the White Paper at the Congress...Every indication is in the direction of abandonment of the White Paper. The Jews would be gravely disappointed to learn that MacDonald (British Colonial Secretary) is still of the opinion that the White Paper is the last word in the destiny of Palestine."

The feeling among the Palestine Jews, Dr. Goldman said, "was that the Yishub would be with Great Britain in the world struggle and the Yishub was making every effort to be prepared to meet the emergency. And I believe that the Jews of the world will be with the Yishub in the common struggle against barbarism." However, he warned that "the economy of the Yishub cannot withstand a war without the assistance of American Jewry and the British Government."

Dr. Goldman stressed that despite the war crisis the Congress had adopted a definite policy regarding the White Paper and had also introduced important organizational reforms, most of which could not be made public.

Similar views were expressed by David Wertheim, secretary of the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah; Rabbi Wolf Gold, president of the Mizrahi World Executive; Abraham Goldberg of New York; Elihu D. Stone of Boston, and Judge Harry Fisher of Chicago.

A large number of American Zionists remained in Europe when the Queen Mary sailed. Some are expected aboard the United States liner President Roosevelt, due Tuesday, and others had bookings for the Ile de France, which was reported to have cancelled its sailing. Other Zionists aboard the Queen Mary included: Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Epstein, Mendel M. Fisher, Miss Nell Ziff, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Miss Pearl Franklin, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Lookstein, Daniel Frisch, Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom and her son Charles; Rabbi William Greenfield, Rabbi Abraham Granowitz, Morris Margulies, Sarah Feder, Isaac Hamlin, Israel Chipkin, Dr. Leo Honor, Rabbi and Mrs. Julius Silberfeld, Rabbi and Mrs. Blumenthal; Miss Marie Syrkin, Jacob Katzman, Eva Berg and F. Potash. This list is not complete.

#### TRANSJORDAN RULER PLEDGES LOYALTY TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA)--- Emir Abdullah of the Transjordan has assured the British Government of the absolute loyalty of himself and his people to the Crown, the Ministry of Information announced tonight. The message was transmitted through the British High Commissioner for Palestine.

#### 16 Refugees Deported by Sweden; Ex-Czech Legislator In Group

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4. (JTA)--- The Swedish authorities deported sixteen refugees from Czecho-Slovakia who had arrived here on a small Estonian sailing boat. The refugees, most of whom are Jews, were arrested immediately after they had been landed from the boat on the island of Uto in Stockholm Bay. Among them was Erwin Loebel, a member of the former Czech Parliament. They had embarked from Helsingfors and spent three days at sea before they landed here in a state of complete exhaustion. After being fed by the Swedish port authorities and allowed a day's rest, the refugees were put aboard the sailing vessel and escorted by the coast guard beyond Swedish territorial waters.

PERTH, West Australia, Sept. 4. (JTA)--- A resolution to reserve certain areas in the Kimberleys for Jewish refugee settlement has been unanimously adopted by the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Perth. The action was taken following support by Dr. Le Fanu, Primate of Australia.