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HUNDREDS KILLED IN WILNO AS 18 NAZI PLANES STRAFE JEWISH QUARTERS

RIGA, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Wilno was subjected to a devastating series of German air raids Friday afternoon and evening, it was learned here today, when 18 Nazi bombers swooped without warning on the city. The German warplanes, advices from Wilno said, rained more than 200 explosive and incendiary bombs on the city. The thickly populated Jewish quarters were hardest hit in the raids.

Horrible carnage was reported among Jewish children, women and aged. The planes were said to have dived close to the streets in the Jewish quarters, machine-gunning fleeing pedestrians and leaving hundreds dead and wounded in their wake.

A number of synagogues and scores of houses were in flames from the incendiary bombs. Medical attention was lacking and the greatest panic prevailed among the city's extremely poor Jews who make up a large proportion of Wilno's population. The normal population of Wilno is about 200,000, but it is estimated that this figure has risen to about 500,000 as a result of the influx of war refugees, at least half of whom are Jewish.

Juan Ruiz, Brazilian diplomat, returned yesterday from Poland with heartrending tales of the plight of war refugees, a majority of whom apparently were Jewish.

Ruiz said he had seen 1,000 Jewish refugees stranded without food, many of them wounded or paralyzed with shock, beside the bodies of killed or wounded relatives in windowless, bomb-shattered trains stalled on the line between Wilno and Lido. Other large groups in similar plight were observed 50 kilometers beyond the Wilno-Lido line, toward Baranowichi, where the trackage had been destroyed by Nazi air raiders.

Ruiz returned to Riga after an unsuccessful effort to reach southern Poland or the Russian frontier. Leaving Riga on Sept. 12, Ruiz crossed through Wilno and Lido, but was forced to turn back because the Baranowichi line had been destroyed. Returning on the following day, he found the line out north of Lido and finally made his way back by means of a peasant cart after the greatest difficulty, passing through Wilno just before Friday's bombardment by German warplanes.

Ruiz said he saw thousands of Jewish refugees stranded in trains or trudging through towns, many of which were still burning. He saw numerous bodies along the tracks mostly of aged Jewish men, women and children.

Flotillas of Nazi bombers were reported by military sources to be systematically raiding towns and refugee trains. In the absence of anti-aircraft and other defenses, the raiders were said to be literally massacring the population of towns, many of which are predominantly Jewish.

Synagogues in Krzemienice, Dubno, Baranowichi and other Volhynian towns were bombed repeatedly during the Jewish New Year services which ended Friday. Services were held in those towns because they were considered in safe Polish zones, since they are near the Russian frontier. The synagogues were crowded with thousands of Jews and, according to information reaching here, the number of killed and wounded in the raids reached "very large" proportions.

According to the same sources, the towns of Siedlice, Lublin, Kalisz and others with large Jewish populations have been "completely obliterated" by Nazi bombs. The same thing has happened to central streets in Lwow.

18 JEWS KILLED, 9 WOUNDED IN TRAIN-BUS COLLISION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Eighteen Jews were killed and nine others were seriously wounded today in a collision between a train and a bus near Sarafend. The victims were all passengers in the bus, which was operated by the Egged Transportation Company.

DOCTORS HERE TO BE INVITED TO JOIN OSE-RED CROSS MEDICAL UNIT

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- American Jewish doctors and nurses will be asked to volunteer for service in two special medical and first aid units being planned by the World OSE, Jewish health society which operates in eastern Europe, it was announced here today. The units will be sent to Poland. Plans for formation of the medical corps were mapped by leaders of the OSE here in cooperation with the Swedish Red Cross.

A delegation of Polish Jewish leaders in Paris is being organized to go to the United States to consult with American Jewish relief organizations on methods of aiding the war refugees. Members of the delegation have been informed by the American Consulate here that they will be given visas since the Polish Embassy intervened on their behalf with United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt.

The delegation is expected to include Carol Sachs, noted Warsaw Jewish industrialist who was stranded in Vichy when the war broke out; ex-Senator Rabbi Rubinstein, who was stranded in Belgium; Emil Schmorak, Polish Zionist leader; Engineer Anshell Reiss, director of the Palestine Office in Poland; Dr. L. Ullmann, welfare worker, and M. Appenschlak, chief editor of the Polish-language Jewish newspaper Nasz Przegląd.

80% of New Polish Legion Jewish

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Polish circles estimated today that 80 per cent of the volunteers in the Polish Legion being formed here are Jews. When the Legion is fully organized it is believed it will number some 10,000 volunteers.

Polish Jews Here Get U.S. Permit to Raise Funds

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Permission to raise funds for the relief of war sufferers in Poland has been received from the State Department by the Federation of Polish Jews in America, it was announced today by Samuel Untermyer, chairman of the Federation's

Emergency Campaign Committee. Mr. Untermyer also announced that M. Maldwin Fertig has accepted the chairmanship of the executive committee of the emergency campaign.

Z. Tygel, executive director of the Federation of Polish Jews, explained that chapters of the Federation throughout the United States will be allowed to engage in soliciting and receiving contributions for use in Poland, provided they conform with the rulings of the State Department as contained in the permit issued to the Federation. The funds raised by the Emergency Campaign Committee will be used for "medical aid and assistance and for food and clothing to relieve human suffering" in Poland.

The Polish Ambassador to the United States, Count Jerzy Potocki, will address the opening session of the third biennial world conference of the Federations of Polish Jews tomorrow night at the Hotel Astor. He will speak by long distance telephone from the Polish Embassy in Washington. The sessions will be opened by Benjamin Winter, president, and addresses will be made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mr. Fertig, Mr. Tygel and others.

ROMANIA ACTS TO CONTROL REFUGEE INFLUX; CHILDREN, WOUNDED ADMITTED, OTHERS BARRED

BUCHAREST, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Regulations for the strict control of the expected refugee influx from Polish war zones were announced by the Rumanian Government today. A five-point control system was outlined as follows:

- 1) Asylum will be accorded children and wounded who make their way into Rumania;
- 2) all foreign troops and military formations crossing the frontier will be disarmed and assigned lodgings until the end of hostilities;
- 3) persons holding political positions will be obliged to live in specially indicated localities and to refrain from all public activity;
- 4) private citizens are forbidden to enter Rumania;
- 5) forces sufficient to enforce these measures will be placed at the disposal of Interior Undersecretary Gabriel Marinesco, who will personally superintend their application.

Camps for Refugees Set Up

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Large numbers of war refugees from Poland, especially Galicia, are concentrated on the Rumanian frontier and hundreds of them have been admitted to Rumania, according to information received in Polish official circles here.

Camps are being established for those admitted, it was stated, and they will be kept there unless they receive financial relief from abroad which would guarantee them from becoming public burdens during their stay in Rumania.

A similar situation prevails on the Latvian and Lithuanian frontiers. Refugees having visas for the United States or foreign passports have no difficulty in being admitted temporarily into the Baltic lands.

FRENCH GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO REFUGEES HELD IN CONCENTRATION CENTERS

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The French authorities today started to separate refugees from German citizens held in concentration centers. The refugees are permitted to communicate with friends by letter and are also permitted to receive parcels. Lodged in newly cleaned and painted stables formerly occupied by thoroughbred horses, and guarded by a battalion of French Colonials who are also quartered in the stables, the refugees are being well treated. Today they named a committee to call on the camp commander, asking his permission to compliment the cook on his excellent soup.

5 LIFEBOATS, TOWED BY SAILING SHIP, BRING 364 EXILES TO TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A group of 364 Jewish refugees from Poland and Czechoslovakia were under detention today following their arrival at the port of Tel Aviv yesterday. They are being held pending a Government decision as to their disposition. The refugees arrived in five lifeboats towed by a sailing vessel. They were reported to have been transferred from a steamer off shore.

\$1,000,000 DRIVE TO AID LABOR MOVEMENT IN PALESTINE LAUNCHED HERE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A campaign for \$1,000,000 to aid the Jewish labor movement in Palestine as well as institutions supported by the Histadruth was launched today by the National Labor Committee for Palestine following a meeting of the national council of the organization attended by delegates from various labor unions and Zionist labor groups. Baruch Zuckerman, who recently arrived from Palestine, and Abraham Dickenstein, delegate of the Palestine Labor Federation and director of the Palestine Labor Bank, who are in the United States to help direct the campaign, discussed the plans for the campaign.

Pointing out that in the present emergency, Palestine must make place for war victims and that they must be found occupations and places to reside, a resolution, adopted by the delegates, called upon American Jewry to support the drive and help the Committee meet its quota.

The resolution declared that the present crisis puts the Jew in a more serious position than in the last World War and that not only the Polish Jew, but the Rumanian, Hungarian, Russian and Jugoslavian Jew is affected as well, and if the position of Hitler is strengthened, the Jew in the Western hemisphere would also be affected.

Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who is national chairman of the Committee, and Isaac Hamlin, national secretary, also spoke.

DEMOCRACY UNIT URGES FEDERAL RADIO BODY TO ACT ON COUGHLIN AS INCITER TO VIOLENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Charges that "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin was "inciting to riot and civil war" through his weekly broadcasts were made today by the Friends of Democracy in a memorandum to the Federal Communications Commission and the National Association of Broadcasters.

The memorandum, signed by L.M. Birkhead, national director, urged that steps be taken to cancel Coughlin's contracts with radio stations carrying his weekly talks from Royal Oak Mich., or to see that they are not renewed upon their expiration.

The document cited particularly Coughlin's July 30 broadcast in which the "radio priest" warned his opponents that "we will fight you in Franco's way if necessary."

"This quotation," the memorandum stated, "is typical of Father Coughlin's philosophy of violent and revolutionary utterances. Nearly every sentence is aimed at the destruction of our democratic civilization." The document concluded: "Because of the fact that the temper and character of his radio addresses are such that they incite his vast audience to physical violence and racial hatreds, Father Coughlin has abused the radio as 'an instrument of public service.'"

TOLERANCE FOR MINORITIES URGED AT CONSTITUTION DAY FETE BY SENATOR DAVIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- United States Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, speaking at the Constitution Day exercises at the New York World's Fair today pleaded for toleration and protection of minorities.

"In a day when as Americans we are seeking in every possible way to keep our country free from war, it is well that we remind ourselves of the glorious principles of toleration and balanced government which are set forth in this charter of our liberty (the Constitution)," Senator Davis declared. "For these are the principles which have constituted the abiding protection for the rights of minority groups in our land, permitting them to live peaceably here without surrendering their rights as free citizens in our republic; to differ with their neighbors according to their individual consciences."

GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL AIRS WORLD CRISIS AT CLOSED SESSION HERE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The General Jewish Council, comprising representatives of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee, held an in camera session here today. An announcement issued prior to the meeting said the Council would consider the problems arising out of the present world situation. A proposal to summon a conference of certain representative organizations in addition to the Council's present constituent bodies was on the agenda.

BUDAPEST DENIES IT INTENDS TO SUSPEND ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

BUDAPEST, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Government circles today denied reports that the Hungarian Government, because of the international situation, was planning to suspend operation of the anti-Jewish laws.

REICH OFFERS JEWS' ABANDONED FURNITURE IN BARTER FOR RAW MATERIALS

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Daily Sketch reported today that among the miscellaneous goods offered by Germany to neutral countries as barter for food and raw materials are immense quantities of second hand furniture left behind by Jewish refugees.

DUTCH SHIP BRINGS REFUGEES FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Dutch steamer Batavia, carrying a full complement of passengers and refugees from Germany, has arrived safely at an English port.

ASSCHER, JEWISH LEADER IN HOLLAND, MARKS 80TH BIRTHDAY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The grand old man of Dutch Jewry, A. Asscher, today celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Asscher has for many years been president of the Amsterdam Jewish Community, the Union of Ashkenazic Communities in Holland and the Dutch branch of the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN NAMED TO DUTCH ARMY FOR FIRST TIME

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A Jewish chaplain has been assigned to the Netherlands Army for the first time, it was announced today. He is Rabbi J.H. Duenner, of Amsterdam. Rabbi Duenner was jointly selected for the post by the Council of Dutch Chief Rabbis and the executive committee of the Union of Ashkenazic Communities.