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### EPIDEMIC HITS WARSAW; CITY 80% DESTROYED; 80,000 REPORTED WOUNDED

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The newspaper Telegraaf reported from Berlin today that an epidemic of typhus and cholera has hit Warsaw, that 80 per cent of the city was destroyed in the Nazi bombardment and that some 80,000 persons lie wounded in hospital shacks. (Of Warsaw's 1,171,000 population, more than 333,000 were Jews.)

Reporting that diplomats accredited to Poland had left Berlin on a special train for Warsaw last night to attend to matters connected with their embassies, legations and homes, the dispatch said:

"The diplomats had to pledge themselves to take all meals in the dining car and to drink only water provided on the train. Warsaw's water is suspect, the three great water mains there having been broken by the bombardment and the water having been contaminated by bodies under the ruins.

"Typhus and cholera have already taken victims. This gives an idea of the horrible living conditions of Poles who remained in Warsaw. Following an inventory of the situation at Warsaw, it was established that the city was almost entirely destroyed. According to an official German estimate, it was 80 per cent destroyed, and it is doubtful whether the city will be rebuilt.

"More than 80,000 wounded persons are housed in hospital shacks. Most of them were seriously injured. Suffering and distress are beyond imagination. The embassies and legations were much damaged. The number of civil and military victims is not yet known."

### BROTHER-IN-LAW IN BORDEAUX SAYS SCHORR WAS SHOT WITHOUT TRIAL IN WARSAW

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Rumors that Senator Moses Schorr of Poland, Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, had been executed by the Nazis, were reported today to have been confirmed by a brother-in-law of the eminent Polish Jewish leader.

The relative, a refugee from Poland, was quoted in a Havas News Agency dispatch from Bordeaux as declaring that Rabbi Schorr was shot without trial by a German firing squad immediately after the Nazi occupation of Warsaw. He added that the fate of Rabbi Schorr's wife was not known.

According to the brother-in-law, whose name was not given, Rabbi Schorr, as an ardent Polish patriot and a confirmed friend of France, had earned the undying hatred of

the Nazis. The 65-year-old leader of Polish Jewry refused, nevertheless, to leave his post when the Germans advanced on the city, the refugee declared.

(The first report of Rabbi Schorr's execution was published in New York on Oct. 1, after Warsaw's surrender but before the official German occupation. Two daughters in Paris said they were without information as to his fate. Relatives in London later said they were confident he was still alive and expected to hear from him shortly. Polish Foreign Minister August Zaleski, in Paris, also expressed doubt as to his execution, revealing that Rabbi Schorr had heroically refused to leave Poland with other Government officials when given an opportunity but that he had left Warsaw before the occupation.)

#### RELIEF URGENTLY NEEDED IN WILNO, OSE AGENT WIRES PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- American Jewish relief is urgently needed in Wilno, newly ceded to Lithuania by Soviet Russia, since many Polish Jewish refugees are massed in the region, according to telegraphed advices received today by the OSE, Jewish health society, from its representative in Kaunas. Food for children is especially needed, the message said.

Connections with Wilno have been fully restored, it was stated, and an OSE delegation from Kaunas was to have left for the city yesterday. The message, the first to be received on the condition of the Jews in Wilno, appealed for funds for starting relief work for the refugees from Poland lodged there.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT NOT ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR AID IN CONTACTING RELATIVES IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The State Department said today it was not accepting any requests for personal contacts with persons in Poland through Vice-Consul Thaddeus Chylinski in Warsaw at this time. An official explained that the department was swamped with such requests and that conditions in Poland were still too chaotic to permit of their satisfaction.

(A Paris dispatch Oct. 11 quoted Ambassador Biddle as stating that Americans desiring to locate relatives in Poland could do so through the State Department which would pass the inquiries on to Vice-Consul Chylinski, who had remained in Warsaw to be helpful during the occupation period to Americans or to people in whom Americans were interested.)

#### BERLIN SEES FILMS SHOWING POLISH JEWS IN NAZI LABOR CAMPS

KAUNAS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Cinemas in Berlin are showing films of Polish Jews in labor camps, living under difficult conditions and receiving harsh treatment, it was reported here today.

#### PREMIER SIKORSKI ATTENDS SYNAGOGUE SERVICES FOR POLAND IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Accompanied by Baron Robert de Rothschild, Premier Wladislaw Sikorski of the Polish Government-in-exile yesterday attended special services for Poland held in the Great Synagogue here.

#### NAZI LEADER DEMANDS ALL POLES, JEWS BE DRIVEN FROM CONQUERED AREAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin reported today that Albert Forster, Nazi district leader for Danzig, has demanded the ruthless removal of all Poles and Jews from areas in Poland conquered by Germany which were German before the World War.

PROF. DUBNOW, NOTED HISTORIAN, ACCEPTS BID TO VISIT U.S.; VISA GRANTED AT RIGA

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Simon Dubnow, the noted Polish Jewish historian, who was invited by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance to come to the United States, has received an American visa from the consulate in Riga, according to a cable received by the alliance.

Prof. Dubnow a few days ago cabled his thanks to the Alliance for its invitation. Officials of the organization are awaiting notification as to the date when the historian will leave Riga. A large reception is planned when he arrives here.

AMBASSADOR TO ACT FOR FRANCE AT WHITE HOUSE PARLEY ON REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Count de Saint-Quentin, French Ambassador, told the State Department today he would represent the French Government at the conference of officers of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees which will open here next Tuesday.

Count de Saint-Quentin has an intimate knowledge of affairs in Palestine. He was with Marshal Allenby when the British Army marched into Jerusalem during the World War.

MYRON C. TAYLOR HONORED FOR HIS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, has been selected by an interfaith committee of 60 members to receive the 1939 medal for Promotion of Better Understanding between Christian and Jew in America, awarded annually by The American Hebrew magazine, it was announced today by Joseph C. Biben, editor and publisher of the weekly.

The award, which will be made during the celebration of The American Hebrew's 60th anniversary in December, is accompanied with the following citation: "Because of his completely unselfish effort to find havens for Christian and Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution and because this effort so dramatized the value of Christian-Jewish cooperation that a greater bond was created between Christian and Jew in America."

ST. LOUIS BISHOP HITS SALE OF ANTI-JEWISH MATERIAL AT NEUTRALITY RALLY

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Sale of anti-Semitic literature after a recent meeting of the United Christian Front and Missouri Friends of Social Justice on neutrality in the gymnasium of St. Louis University, a Catholic institution, has been condemned by Christian H. Winkelmann, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, and H.B. Crimmins, S.J., president of the university.

The statements of condemnation were made after a special committee of the Jewish Coordinating Council, in an interview with Father Crimmins and a letter to Bishop Winkelmann, had called attention to the fact that such literature as William Dudley Pelley's pamphlet, "Dupes of Judah," and the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" had been displayed after the meeting.

Bishop Winkelmann, in a letter to Samuel I. Sievers, president of the Council, said that the literature was "an outrageous libel against a race with whom we are all endeavoring to live in peace and harmony." Father Crimmins deplored the sale of the literature and condemned it "without qualification as indefensible and unworthy of an intelligent person."

RACE THEORIES ASSAILED BY WALLACE, BOAS AT WORLD'S FAIR PARLEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The theory of racial superiority was denounced as totally devoid of scientific basis by prominent scientists and Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, speaking during a special panel discussion on racism yesterday at the World's Fair.

The discussion was held in the presence of 200 educators, church leaders, school officials, psychologists and teachers who heard the theory assailed by Prof. Franz Boas, noted anthropologist, and Prof. Hadley Cantril of Princeton University, in addition to Mr. Wallace.

"The racial situation in Europe is so confused," Mr. Wallace said, that even the Nazi theorists have been appalled and found it necessary to retreat from the concept of a Nordic body to a Nordic soul.

Prof. Cantril, who is a noted expert on propaganda methods, urged adoption of the following four-point program to combat racism: "Examine the fallacy of racial differences as such differences pertain to psychological characteristics; expose sources of propaganda aimed at creating prejudices; expose some of the propaganda tricks and indicate under what conditions they are effective, and show the nature of objective conditions that breed and strengthen prejudice in the limits of propaganda."

"SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS" FOR ZIONISM URGED AT PARLEY HERE OF PIONEER WOMEN'S GROUP

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A message from the Working Women's Council of Palestine, urging "superhuman efforts" in behalf of Zionism during this time of crisis, was read tonight to 300 delegates attending the opening session of a four-day national convention of the Pioneer Women's Organization, group which for 13 years has been active in assisting Palestine educational institutions.

The delegates, representing 170 women's clubs in the United States and Canada, heard a report on the organization's progress since its founding in 1928, delivered by Miss Sara Feder, national secretary. Miss Feder reported a membership of 10,000, who were interested in the problem of women's participation in the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. She said the organization had helped to found and maintain in Palestine nine training farms and a series of workshops, cooperatives and schools where girls and women, many of them recent refugees, are assisted in adjusting themselves to practical aspects of life in the Holy Land.

Scheduled speakers tonight included Israel Mereminsky, general secretary of the Palestine Jewish Labor Federation (Histadruth), who recently arrived from Palestine for a six-month stay in the United States.

PLAN TO SETTLE JEWS ON ISLAND NEAR NEW ZEALAND OUTLINED IN BOOK

BUDAPEST, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A plan for settlement of Jewish refugees on the uninhabited island of Chatham, near New Zealand, is outlined by Engineer Desider Stern, of former Czechoslovakia, in a book entitled "Colonization Plan for Jews." The plan will be submitted to the refugee conference opening in Washington next week.

GENERAL MOND, HERO OF CRACOW DEFENSE, REPORTED KIN OF LORD MELCHETT

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- General Bernard Mond, who was reported to have died while leading a bayonet charge against the Germans during the defense of Cracow, was described by an Evening Standard columnist today as a distant relative of Lord Melchett, British industrialist and Jewish leader.



JEWS TURN BACK SALARIES EARNED IN BRITISH DEFENSE POSTS, OFFICIAL REVEALS

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Unjustified attacks against Jews for allegedly occupying too many paid posts in connection with the civil defense were strongly denounced by the mayor of Newport at a meeting of the town council.

Referring in vigorous terms to "carping critics" who make "scandalous statements," the mayor revealed that all Jews engaged in Air Raid Precautions work had returned their salaries to him, and had intimated that they would continue to do so every week. The official added that the Jews had also placed a synagogue at his disposal for the national service without charge.

WASHINGTON ANTI-SEMITIC REPLIES TO DIES PERJURY CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Fraser Gardner, Washington "legislative expert," has filed a demurrer in District Court to a Grand Jury indictment for perjury charging him with having sought an investigator's position with the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities while having connections with William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt leader. The demurrer held the indictment should be dropped on the ground that the Dies Committee was nonexistent. It said the committee's life expired on Jan. 3, at the beginning of the last session of Congress.

TEL-HAI FUND SEEKS \$250,000 TO AID REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The launching of a \$250,000 emergency campaign by the Tel-Hai Fund "on behalf of the refugees now entering Palestine" was announced today by Rabbi Louis I. Newman, honorary president of the fund, who said that K. Bert Friedman, Assistant United States District Attorney for New York, had accepted the chairmanship of the National Advisory Committee of the fund.