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### MOZES, ENTIRE JTA STAFF, OTHER WRITERS, LEADERS FOUND SAFE IN WILNO

WILNO, Lithuania, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Mendel Mozes, chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency bureau in Warsaw, his entire staff, and many prominent Jewish writers and leaders are among the refugees from Poland who found haven here, it was ascertained today following occupation of the city by Lithuanian troops.

Mozes and his staff had not been heard from since early in September when he had filed a brief cable from Krzemieniec, in southeastern Poland, which had served as a temporary seat of the fleeing Polish Government.

Mozes confirmed a previous J.T.A. report (from Kaunas) that Chief Rabbi Senator Moses Schorr of Warsaw, who had been reported executed by the Nazis, was in fact safe in Soviet-held territory together with Deputy Emil Sommerstein and Deputy Henry Rosmarin.

Among the Polish Jewish writers who found safety in Wilno are: Noah Prilutzki, Lasar Kahan, I. Justman, David Flinker, I.M. Neuman, I. Trunk, H.S. Kazhdan, Sophia Ehrlich (nee Dubnov) Baruch Schefner, Schlomo Mendelsohn and Vladimir Kossovski.

Refugee labor leaders here include Noah Portnoi, Lazar Szczupakiewicz and Abraham Bialopolski. Zionist leaders among the refugees include Dr. M. Kleinbaum and Raphael Schafer.

Other prominent refugees here include ex-Senator Raphael Szereszewski, industrialist and philanthropist, and Deputy Simon Seidenman.

Meanwhile, the most efficient relief work for the refugees has been put into operation by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, under the direction of Isaac Giterman, head of the Warsaw office of the J.D.C., who has installed a smoothly functioning apparatus. Ten kitchens have been organized and are now supplying more than 4,000 meals daily. Clothes are being distributed and homes are being found for the refugees.

Among the beneficiaries of the relief action are many Jewish leaders, writers and journalists, for whom Giterman has organized a special home where are housed cultural workers, physicians and lawyers.

Registration has been started among the refugees, estimated at 30,000 of whom 75 per cent are believed to be Jews. Among the refugees are all the pupils of Jewish religious

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schools such as the Mir, Voloszin, Baranovicz and Grodno Yeshivas. Among the pupils are a number of American citizens.

Jewish leaders declared the relief work was only beginning and expressed the hope that American Jewry would generously contribute toward its continuation and extension.

#### Mass Arrests, Property Seizure Continue in Warsaw

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Mass arrests of Jews and confiscation of Jewish property are continuing in German-occupied areas of Poland, it was declared today by a leading Polish Zionist who escaped from Warsaw 10 days ago and reached Rumania through Soviet territory. The Zionist leader, asking that his name be withheld because his family was still in Warsaw, gave this correspondent the following account:

Jews still fear to appear in the streets of Warsaw and Lodz because German soldiers catch them, take off their overcoats and hand them to passing Poles to prove their friendliness towards the Poles. Coatless, the Jews are then driven through the rain to the hardest street labor. Nazis detain every passing Jewish woman, remove her coat and anything valuable, including wedding rings.

Jewish streets around Warsaw's public park have been demolished, including Grzybowska and parts of Długa. In the Nalewki quarter, stores have been reopened, but officially-sanctioned plundering is going on, the Nazis confiscating the merchandise.

Mass arrests of Jews are continuing. None knows the fate of prominent Jews, not even whether they remained alive during the occupation by hiding in Warsaw or fleeing to other cities, or whether they were arrested by the Nazis and possibly executed.

Starvation is growing among the Jews since they have no means of earning a living. In Posen, Pommern and Upper Silesia the Jews have been driven into the interior of Poland, their houses, stores and property given away to local Germans. Life is restored in those territories which the Nazis consider an integral part of the Reich.

Crossing into the Soviet zone, the Zionist leader found life quiet in Bialystok and Baranovicz, up to Lwow, where, he states, Ukrainians had been shot for attempting a pogrom against the Jews during the first days of the occupation. Private stores and factories are all functioning under the management of their owners, but there is a shortage of food and clothing.

Meanwhile, the first direct mail and telegraph contact between refugees in Rumania and their relatives in Nazi-occupied Polish territory was established with the arrival of letters from Lodz and a telegram from Warsaw in Bucharest today. The letters left Lodz seven days ago.

The Rumanian authorities, while not yet accepting telegrams for Poland, are accepting registered letters, including reply cards to be signed by the recipient.

Such connections do not yet exist between Rumania and Soviet-occupied territory, despite the fact that they are adjoining. The effort of Americans and Englishmen to reach Lwow via Rumania failed because the Soviet Legation in Bucharest is not authorized to issue visas for the Soviet zone.

J.D.C. Warsaw Office Still Active; Operated Throughout Siege

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee office in Warsaw functioned throughout the German siege and is now operating a soup kitchen, child care and medical aid, according to a cable received by the J.D.C. from its European director, Morris C. Troper, in Paris, who quoted "fairly reliable information."

The assistance was organized by Guzik and I. Neustadt, J.D.C. representatives in Warsaw, according to the cable. The J.D.C. here said that the money used apparently consisted of funds made available immediately before and during the first two days of the siege.

The cable added that Isaac Gitelman, head of the J.D.C. office in Warsaw, who is operating a similar assistance program in Wilno, was seeking permission to organize aid in Russian-occupied cities.

Rumania Gives Financial Aid to Refugees

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government is acting with generosity toward the some 1,500 Jewish refugees from Poland, it was ascertained here today. Not only is the Government permitting them to remain in certain areas, except near the frontier, but it this week began paying 100 lei (about 75 cents) daily toward the maintenance of each adult and 50 lei for each child.

This fairly generous sum for self-support is being paid to refugees residing in the provinces. Those living in Bucharest do not receive the stipend since the authorities wish to discourage their remaining in the capital. It is assumed that this maintenance will be deducted from the Polish gold fund that the former Polish Government succeeded in removing from Warsaw before the Nazi conquest was completed.

Meanwhile, the entire refugee relief budget, totalling 1,500,000 lei monthly, has thus far been covered by a small group of Jewish industrialists, all immigrants from Russia and Poland who have lived in Rumania for several years. The Union of Jewish Communities in Rumania is abstaining from refugee work fearing that this may become an additional burden on already overburdened Jewish communities.

Primary need for the refugees, requiring an expenditure of about \$5,000, is winter clothes, underwear and shoes, since all left their homes without even a change of underwear.

At the premises of the Jewish Relief Committee today, this correspondent saw hundreds of recently well-to-do merchants, industrialists, doctors and lawyers from Poland standing in line waiting for slips entitling them to free meals and lodging. There were few women and almost no children among them since the women and children for the most part were unable to retreat fast enough before the advancing Nazi troops and were either overtaken or were lost on the way.

Refugees to Get Identity Cards

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Special identity cards will be introduced in Rumania for the Polish refugees starting November 1, it was announced today. Refugees will also be supplied with special visas enabling them to leave the country.

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Filderman Back in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader, has returned here after an absence abroad of three months. He said he had been detained at the Italian frontier for racial reasons, although he possessed a transit visa.

Polish Yeshiva Deans, Pupils Reported Safe in Wilno

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The deans of all Yeshivas in Poland and nearly all of their students are now safe in Wilno, according to information made public here today by Rabbi Eliezer Silver. First direct word of their safety was received in a cable to Rabbi Silver from Rabbi Joseph Kahneman, of Ponievez, Lithuania. The cable also reported the presence in Wilno of Rabbi Soloaveitchik of Brest-Litovsk, the noted Talmudist, and many other rabbis.

SOVIET YIDDISH PRESS HAILS POSSIBILITIES FOR JEWS IN NEW RED AREAS

MOSCOW, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Soviet Yiddish press is conducting a propaganda campaign describing the unlimited possibilities of developing the economic and cultural life of the Jewish masses in the Western Ukraine and White Russia.

Articles and poems by virtually every noted Jewish writer, including Itzik Fefer, Peretz Markish and L. Resnik, are published daily and are devoted to the freeing of the peoples of Western Ukraine and White Russia from "the yoke of the Polish landlords."

The Jewish State Theatre of Kiev is now touring Jewish cities and townships in Western Ukraine, while the Minsk theatre is conducting a similar tour in White Russia.

Many prominent Jewish writers have visited Jewish centers in the Russian-occupied territories of Poland and lectured on the Soviet Union. A book by the Jewish writer Skarovski, "Jews As a Nation With Full Rights," has been published in the Ukrainian language and 40,000 copies are being circulated in the occupied territories.

At the same time, bitter attacks have been published against the moderate Socialists by the official Soviet organ Pravda, whose correspondent in Bialystok assails leaders of the Polish Socialist Party and the Bund (Jewish Socialists). The correspondent charges Bundist leaders Goldman and Anachovitch with maintaining connections with the Polish secret police and asserts that the Bund was a "nest of tradesmen, speculators and Trotskyists."

REICH TO LET CHILDREN OUT, QUAKER LEADER REPORTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The German Government has agreed to allow all Jewish children and those of mixed parentage to leave Germany and the protectorates, Eric Hayman, Quaker worker, declared here today following a tour of Denmark, Holland and Sweden, where he conferred with Quaker agencies engaged in relief activities.

Discussing the work of the Friends (Quaker) Center in Berlin, Hayman declared it seemed unlikely that the Government would prohibit it since the center was recognized as one of the legitimate agencies for dealing with non-confessional Jews and "non-Aryan" Christians.

Hayman said that the Swedish Quakers had already received permission to take 100 children out of Germany. According to Hayman, the refugee problem in Holland is very grave. He said the Quakers were opening a new center in Copenhagen, Denmark, the main function of which will be refugee work.



Americans Urged to Keep Homes Open For Child Exiles

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A letter urging Americans to keep their homes open for refugee children has been sent by Clarence E. Pickett, acting executive director of the non-Sectarian Committee for German Refugee Children, who said it might soon be possible to bring children to the United States, depending on the as yet unannounced emigration policy of the German Government.

80% of Refugees Still Classed as "Enemy Aliens" in England

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Eighty per cent of genuine refugees and anti-Nazi Austrians have not been exempted from "alien enemy" restrictions, according to a report by the Committee of Austrians in England published by the Daily Herald.

Adjustment of Refugees Here Reported Unusually Rapid

ST. PAUL, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Refugees to the United States from Germany and other European countries are becoming more rapidly adjusted to American life and ways than any other immigrant group since the Civil War, Dr. William Haber, executive director of the National Refugee Service, told the West Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds meeting here today. More than 200 lay and professional leaders of Jewish communal affairs in the states are attending the gathering which is considering the problems involved in the integration of refugees in American life and the experience of local communities in coordinating civic-protective efforts.

The unusually rapid adjustment of refugees today, Dr. Haber declared, is due only in part to the fact "that present-day immigration is small and limited by quota. The real reason lies in the nature of present-day immigration, in the composition of the immigrant groups, and in the more intelligent approach to their problems by the agencies which befriend them upon arrival."

"It may be fairly stated," he added, "that the refugees are good immigrant material, highly adaptable, bringing with them special skills, training and capacities which this country has been able to utilize even in the present difficult period. Moreover, as surely as were the Pilgrim Fathers, these new arrivals are committed to their new home, accepting in advance, and with deep feelings of relief and gratitude, its principles of freedom and democracy."

HADASSAH SETS RECORD FUND GOAL OF \$1,150,000; PLEDGES FULL COOPERATION WITH PALESTINE JEWRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Hadassah, Women's Zionist organization, concluded its 25th annual convention today with a pledge of "full hearted cooperation" with the Palestine Jewish community and adoption of a record fund goal for the year 1940.

The organization set itself the task of raising, between now and September of next year, a total of \$1,150,000 with which to carry on its various activities. Of this sum, the largest Hadassah has ever attempted to secure in any one year, \$175,000 has been earmarked for Palestine land reclamation; \$500,000 for the Youth Aliyah movement; \$400,000 for hospitalization and public health, and \$75,000 for child welfare.

The convention elected a new slate of officers, including Mrs. David de Sola Pool, former vice-president, who succeeds Mrs. Moses P. Epstein as president. Officers re-elected

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included Mrs. Herman Shulman, secretary, and Mrs. Alexander Lamport, treasurer. The four vice-presidents, Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, Mrs. Joseph M. Ehrlich and Mrs. Adolph Sieroty were also re-elected. A new vice-president, Mrs. Sundel Doniger, of New York, was named. A budget of \$104,000 for administration of Hadassah's activities in this country, was unanimously accepted.

Speakers at the closing session included Rabbi Milton Steinberg and Miss Susan Brandeis, daughter of former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The resolution on Palestine expressed the hope that by adoption of "an increased emergency budget for its welfare work in Palestine," Hadassah might "in some small measure help lighten the burden of these tragic days." It also expressed the "determination to strive to emulate the unparalleled example they (the Yishub) present of the indomitable and undying Jewish will that shall surmount every obstacle."

Other resolutions expressed "gratitude for the guidance and inspiration" given Hadassah by its 78-year-old founder, Miss Henrietta Szold, who is now heading the organization's child refugee work in Palestine, and pledged continued support to Hadassah Medical Organization and Palestine Council workers who administer the public health, hygiene, child welfare and hospitalization activities of the organization in the Holy Land.

A program of education for its 85,000 members, stressing preservation of American democratic institutions, Jewish traditions and Zionist ideals was adopted at last night's session. The program takes the form of a course in "Jewish Survival in the World of Today," which, Education Chairman Mrs. Samuel Schulsinger announced, has already been mailed to 500 study groups throughout the country.

The resolution inaugurating the program stressed that small peoples could not survive under totalitarian systems of government, that "Jewish tradition and Jewish ideals have consistently striven for freedom for all humanity" and that the present crisis "demands of every citizen of the United States unequivocal support of civil, political and religious liberties."

Only democracy can solve the problem of small peoples, it was stressed by speakers at the session, including Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of Newark University; Prof. Oscar Janowsky, of the College of the City of New York, and Maurice Samuel, the author.

#### GERMAN REPATRIATES FROM BALTICS HOUSED IN PRAGUE JEWS' HOMES

PARIS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Large Jewish homes in Prague have been taken over to house Germans repatriated from Baltic countries, it was reported today by the Havas News Agency in a dispatch from Maribor, Yugoslavia. The dispatch added that the former occupants who had not fled were huddled into ghettos.

#### BRITISH PAPER WARNS OF NAZI PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH AFRICAN HINTERLAND

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Manchester Guardian warns editorially that serious measures were necessary to combat Nazi propaganda in the South African hinterland. It points out that some rural areas of the Union are entirely dependent for information concerning the outside world on Afrikaans newspapers which are "bitterly hostile" to the Allied cause.

"In a country to whose prosperity Jewish brains and finance contributed so much," the newspaper states, "it is not difficult to gull the simple with the charge that the Jew is the oppressor of the 'poor white' and to encourage an ugly vein of anti-Semitism."

JEWISH FIRM GIVES MILLION CIGARETTES FOR BRITISH TROOPS

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish firm of D. Zusman has made a gift of 1,000,000 cigarettes to British troops at the front, it was announced today by the South African Mayors' National Fund.

BRITAIN MAY PUBLISH EVIDENCE ON NAZI PRISON CAMP ATROCITIES

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Daily Express reports that the British Government is considering publication of evidence regarding atrocities perpetrated against prisoners in German concentration camps, based on information supplied by Jewish and non-Jewish refugees.

EX-MUFTI WARNED BY IRAQ TO SHUN POLITICAL INTRIGUE

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government has warned the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who recently escaped to Baghdad from his exile in Lebanon, that he must refrain from political intrigue and propaganda, it is reported by the diplomatic correspondent of The Times. The Iraqi press, the correspondent adds, has not paid undue attention to the Mufti, his prestige having apparently declined still more since his flight from Lebanon.

REFUGEES GET GAS MASKS IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Associations has started distribution of gas masks among refugee and immigrant Jews in Belgium. Masks are being given without charge to the needy, while others are required to pay 50 francs.

BRITISH CITIZENSHIP GRANTED TO FREUD'S KIN

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Ernst Freud, architect and eldest son of the late Prof. Sigmund Freud, and his three children have been granted British nationality, it was learned today.

VLADECK'S LIFE SUBJECT OF SERIES IN SURVEY GRAPHIC

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The first of a series of articles on the late labor leader B.C. Vladeck, written by John Herling, appears in the November issue of Survey Graphic. The first article deals with Vladeck's early days as a revolutionary in Russia.

CATHOLIC BODY DENOUNCES RACISM, ANTI-SEMITISM AT CONVENTION HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Resolutions condemning racism and anti-Semitism were among those adopted here yesterday at the closing session of the convention of the National Catholic Alumni Federation. The resolutions, in which discrimination against the Negro was especially denounced, pointed out that racism had been "expressly repudiated" by the Catholic Church on many occasions.

CORRECTION

Due to an error in telephonic transmission, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Oct. 26 (JTA NEWS OCT. 27) incorrectly reported from Washington that the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees had included Palestine in a recommendation for new surveys of overseas countries. Palestine was not specified in the recommendation, nor was it referred to in the official communique issued at the close of the conference by the committee.