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### TROOPS QUELL NEW ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN WILNO; RELIEF WORK BEGUN

WILNO, Lithuania, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Troops and tanks were called into action late yesterday to quell a renewed outbreak of anti-Jewish rioting here by Endeks (Nationalist Poles) which lasted nine hours.

Many Jewish pedestrians were wounded, houses raided and shops plundered during the violence which accompanied a huge Endek demonstration. After a full day of virtually unchecked excesses, troops and tanks arrived at five p.m. and dispersed the rioters. A delegation of Jewish leaders arrived in Kaunas today to intervene with the authorities.

Similar excesses had broken out just prior to the Lithuanian occupation. One Jew was killed and several others wounded. Russian troops arrested the riot leaders. The disturbances were repeated on Sunday following the occupation by the Lithuanian army and the rioters were dispersed by Lithuanian police.

Meanwhile, on the frontier between Lithuania and Nazi Poland, 1,000 Jews from the Polish district of Suwalki were expelled into the "no-man's-land" area between the two countries without food and adequate clothing. They included many children, some of whom were reported to have died from exposure. Following intervention by Lithuanian Jews, the authorities allowed entry to 20, and hope was entertained that others would be admitted.

A relief committee, under the direction of the Joint Distribution Committee, has started distribution of 10,000 meals and clothing to the poor. The J.D.C. will begin distribution of money to refugees on Thursday.

### Nazis Put Synagogue to Torch, Fine Jews

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- After Nazis had set fire to a synagogue in the Polish township of Wloclawek, the Gestapo accused the Jews of "provocation" and imposed a \$20,000 fine on the Jewish community, arresting 50 prominent Jews pending payment, it was reported here today.

### BRITISH TRIBUNAL TELLS OF JEWS' SUFFERINGS IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Striking confirmation of the stories of atrocities in Nazi concentration camps contained in the recent Government White Paper is given in a letter to The Times today from members of the special tribunal sitting at Richborough Camp in Kent to consider the cases of 3,600 refugees who became "enemy aliens" as a result of the declaration of war.

The letter was signed by Sir George Bonner, former King's Remembrancer and Senior Master of the Supreme Court, King's Bench Division; Tristram Beresford, Recorder of Folkestone; Trevor Hunter, Chancellor of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon; Walter Blake Odgers, Recorder of Southampton; M. Sugden, barrister; and John Henry Thorpe, Recorder of Blackburn.

The 3,600 people with whom they are dealing and whose stories they heard are all Jews or are of Jewish origin. The letter said that all of them received warnings on leaving German concentration camps never to tell what they had seen and suffered.

"We heard of cases where arrest of a father was followed in a few days by notification that he was ill in prison or in a concentration camp, the locality of which was not specified. The report followed later that he had died. In due course a box purporting to contain his remains was brought to the house with a demand for 500 marks 'for cremation expense.' No particulars as to the cause of death were forthcoming, nor was there any certainty as to the identity of the remains.

"In one case a widow who had undergone this terrible experience was arrested six months later on a charge of 'making propaganda with her husband's ashes.' She was released, we were told, later, and the witness added 'one eye was gone. She was an old hag and was half-dead until she died of her injuries.'

"As many as ten to 15 men were accommodated in compartments provided for eight. When travelling in trucks or wagons, there were as many as 30 to 40 in one wagon. On journeys which were taken from May to December, 1938, and which at different times varied in duration from 14 to 16 hours, they were given no water or food.

"Every one of these men had heard rifle shots on the train or had seen men shot down. On one specific journey three men in one wagon were shot and their bodies thrown out of the windows, because they complained of the heat. On this journey we are satisfied that at least seven men were murdered on the way."

According to testimony received by this tribunal, young and old upon arrival at concentration camps were beaten with sticks or prodded with bayonets by black guards (black-shirted Nazi elite guards). Old men fell down and were kicked on the ground. Weapons such as sticks, stones, bayonets, rifle butts, whips, and even 'nuckle-dusters' were used.

#### Crimes Will 'Darken German History,' Times Declares

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Commenting on the British White Paper on sadistic practices in Nazi concentration camps, the New York Times today termed them "crimes which will forever darken the pages of German history." In an editorial captioned "The German Terror," the Times pointed out that this Government had voiced "unsparing criticism of the terror which culminated in the savagery of last November" and cited President Roosevelt's strong statement at the time of the pogroms.

The editorial concluded: "One would like to believe with the British Consul General at Frankfurt on the Main, whose opinion is quoted in this White Paper, that 'if the Government of Germany depended on the suffrage of the people, those in power and responsible for these outrages would be swept away by a storm of indignation.' If that is not true, the German people share with their Government guilt for crimes which will forever darken the pages of German history."

VIENNA JEWS TOLD TO MOVE TO POLISH 'RESERVATION' BY MARCH 1; 4,000 ALREADY DEPORTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A Berlin dispatch by the Associated Press reported today that all Viennese Jews have been ordered to leave for the projected "Jewish reservation" in the Lublin area of Poland before March 1, 1940.

Four thousand Jews have already been deported from Vienna to Nazi Poland in the last two weeks, the dispatch said, being permitted to take with them only 110 pounds of luggage each and 300 marks worth of tools and machinery "if not too bulky and in so far as there was room for them." Similar deportations have taken place from Maehrisch-Ostrau.

According to the dispatch, the Jews were ordered to move and settle "somewhere near the new western frontier of Soviet Russia between the San and Vistula rivers in former Polish territory with Lublin as the center."

The first contingent of 2,000 men between the ages of 18 and 50 were reported to have left Vienna Oct. 18. They were followed last Friday by 2,000 more, mostly men, but also many women and children. The deportees turned the keys to their homes over to the Jewish Community which will either administer them or sell them, with the proceeds "devoted to social purposes."

"In other words," the dispatch adds, "whatever the deported Jews could not take with them apparently was confiscated. At least there was no intimation that the Jewish owners themselves would receive any proceeds or benefits."

Jews in Berlin and other Reich cities were described as fearing they would be the next to be ordered to the reservation.

BRITISH FOOD MINISTRY MAKES PROVISION FOR ORTHODOX JEWS IN RATIONING

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The question of the kosher meat supply when rationing is introduced in Britain has been the subject of negotiations between the Ministry of Food and the Board of Affairs for Shechita (kosher slaughter), it was learned today.

The board has communicated with every Jewish community in the country, established its precise needs and notified the ministry of their requirements. The ministry is understood to be seeking to do everything possible to meet the Jewish needs, but obviously cannot guarantee that the kosher food supply will be maintained.

Jews and vegetarians will have the privilege of obtaining an extra ration of butter or margarine instead of ham and bacon.

IRAQ PROMISES TO BAR AGITATION BY MUFTI

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government has given formal assurances that it will not allow the presence of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem in Baghdad "to be used as the occasion for agitation by others," Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler told the House of Commons today.

The statement was made in reply to Tom Williams, Laborite, who asked whether assurance had been received that the ex-Mufti, who recently entered Iraq from Lebanon, would be prevented in Iraq from disseminating anti-Jewish and anti-British propaganda.

Kenneth Williams, editor of Great Britain and the East, Colonial Office mouthpiece, declared in an article that it was premature to invest the ex-Mufti's sudden departure from Lebanon to Iraq with any special significance. While the Iraqis have not been backward in supporting the Palestine Arab cause, he said, they will be able to put the question into perspective and realize the more important issues at stake today.

Commenting on the effect of the war on Palestine's banking system, the outstanding financial weekly, The Economist, declares that it is not as old as those in western Europe, and therefore the High Commissioner's measures had to be more stringent than in other parts of the Empire. Despite existing conditions, most of the weaker banks were able to negotiate the necessary credits to meet the demand for cash, the paper said.

#### New Colony Established

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A group of 80 laborite Zionist youths have established a new colony on 2,500 acres of Jewish National Fund Land in a hitherto unsettled area of Palestine adjoining the northern boundary of the Huleh concession.

#### RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR IMMIGRANT JEWS IN FRANCE UNIFIED

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Unification of relief activities on behalf of immigrant Jews in France has been effected, largely through the efforts of Morris C. Troper, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee. A decision to work together to aid immigrants was taken by a meeting of representatives of various interested organizations, ranging from laborite to Chassidic groups, called by the Federation of Jewish Societies in France upon the urging of Mr. Troper.

The J.D.C., it was announced, has allotted a substantial monthly subvention for the united movement which will permit distribution of 1,000 meals daily and 1,200 family food parcels weekly in addition to various forms of assistance to more than 4,000 persons. The allotment will also be used for child care and medical aid exclusive of assistance to German refugees and child welfare which are handled by the OSE (Jewish health society), which receives its funds through the J.D.C.

#### RED CROSS SENDS SUPPLIES FOR POLISH REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- In response to cabled appeals from its representatives in Europe describing the unsanitary conditions in camps of Polish refugees and the danger of epidemics, the American Red Cross is rushing a shipment of 60,000 six-ounce cakes of soap and 25,000 yards of cotton sheeting to Europe for distribution to Polish refugees in Hungary and Rumania.

Preliminary shipments of basic drugs, warm underwear, blankets and muslin have gone forward to Hungary and Rumania, it was stated. These supplies were requested by the American Red Cross delegation in Europe after visiting refugee camps for civilian and military Polish refugees in Rumania and Hungary.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE MAGAZINE BARRED FROM CANADA

OTTAWA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Social Justice, organ of "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin has been barred from Canada, it was announced today by the Department of National Revenue.

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COLONIAL TRUST LOSES ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICAN COURT

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonial Trust has lost an action before the South African Supreme Court to obtain immediately whatever funds from the £400,000 Albert Nathan estate are not needed for annual legacies -- said to amount to approximately £287,000.

Nathan's will, probated in 1924, provides that certain amounts be paid annually to charitable organizations and relatives and after 50 years the estate be wound up and the residue turned over to the trust for use in restoring Jews to their ancient homeland in Palestine. The trust contended that since the earnings of the estate were far in excess of amounts required for annual legacies, it should receive the unneeded £287,000 immediately.

THOMAS MANN, JUDGE LEHMAN HONORED AT PALESTINE PAVILION DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Conviction that the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the World's Fair will be reopened next year was expressed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise at a dinner in the Fair Administration Building last night winding up the pavilion's activities for the season. About 75 Jewish leaders were present.

Guests of honor were Thomas Mann, the author, who declared that Nazi anti-Semitism "signifies an assault upon Christianity itself," and Judge Irving Lehman, who, while terming himself a non-Zionist, called Palestine "a symbol of the Jews' resolute will to live until a better day, which must come." Dr. Mann was presented with a Palestinian Bible and Dr. Wise with a bust of himself by Jacob Epstein. Other speakers were Dr. Israel Goldstein, who presided, Louis Lipsky and Meyer W. Weisgal.

RABBI POOL WARNS CHURCHES AGAINST WAR PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi David de Sola Pool, president of the Synagogue Council of America, asserted yesterday that "if the churches allow themselves to join a clamorous propaganda for war, even under a fine statement of idealism, the spiritual life of America will have to develop despite the clergy and the churches."

Dr. Pool, speaking in a panel discussion before the women's seminar group of the Jewish Theological Seminary, said that "the menace to spiritual life in America is not from Hitler and Stalin but from tendencies making for secular materialism and the worship of force." Other speakers were Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, Mrs. Henry S. Hendricks, Professors Frederick C. Grant, I.L. Kandel and Louis Finkelstein.

RUSSIAN YIDDISH AUTHORS HAIL INCREASE OF WRITERS THROUGH OCCUPATION OF POLAND

MOSCOW, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Forty new Yiddish works have been published in the Russian Ukraine during the past year, according to an announcement made at a meeting of Jewish writers in Kiev. The meeting noted with gratification the "enormous increase" of Jewish writers and reading public as a result of the Russian occupation of eastern Poland.

BULLETINPoliceman Killed in New Wilno Outbreak

WILNO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Polish Nationalist rioting against Jews reached a climax today with new disorders in which a Lithuanian policeman was killed. The Lithuanian authorities took immediate action to suppress the attacks. Many rioters were arrested and will be court-martialed. The authorities gave assurances that measures would be taken to prevent repetition of the excesses.