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200 SUICIDES REPORTED IN BERLIN, VIENNA AS NAZIS PRESS NEW DRIVE ON JEWS

PARIS, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A wave of Jewish suicides was reported today from Germany via Zurich as a consequence of new anti-Jewish measures taken by the Nazis after the bombing attempt on Chancellor Adolf Hitler's life in Munich last Wednesday night. It was estimated that more than 200 Jews, including entire families, had taken their lives in Berlin and Vienna.

It was also reported through Zurich that in retaliation for the bombing black-uniformed S.S. guards in a number of towns had instituted massacres of Jews and Catholics. Mass arrests of Jews and Catholics were said to be continuing and those Jews not arrested in the past two days were told they would all be exiled to the Lublin Jewish "reservation" in Poland.

"Within two months not a single Jew will remain in the Reich," a high Nazi official was quoted as having announced in Berlin. The reports coming via Zurich said 50,000 Jews throughout Germany had been ordered to appear at local railway stations within 24 hours for a mass removal.

WARSAW GHETTO DECREE FORCES ALL JEWS INTO 2 SMALL SECTIONS OF CITY

WILNO, Lithuania, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Warsaw have ordered establishment of a ghetto comprising only the smaller part of the Nalewki and Gensia districts in which all the Jews of the city will be confined, it was learned today.

Even densely Jewish-populated streets like Leszno, Nowiniarska and Chlodna have been excluded from the ghetto. The Jewish Community protested against the action, whereupon Engineer Czerniakow, president of the community, and A. Hartglass and Seidenbuetel, members of the presidency, were "detained."

U.S. OFFICIAL ATTENDED WASHINGTON PARLEY ON POLISH RELIEF EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A State Department observer sat in on the conference yesterday of the Red Cross, the Quaker relief agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, held to discuss difficulties in distributing relief in Poland, but the Government does not plan to take any action on the matter at this time, it was learned today.

ENTRY OF 3,000 SPANISH REFUGEES NOT TO AFFECT DOMINICAN EVIAN PROJECT, ENVOY STATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Dominican Minister Andres Pastoriza said today that nearly 3,000 Spanish refugees had been "dumped" into the Dominican Republic within the last month, but declared their arrival would not interfere with plans steadily going forward to settle 500 German refugee families now in neutral European countries and an additional 300 young men and women under the aegis of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

Representative Sol Bloom of New York said he was confident that the Dominican Republic would fulfill all its commitments in caring for the German refugees selected by the Intergovernmental Committee.

FOOD SUPPLIES GONE WHEN JEWS VISIT VIENNA SHOPS IN LIMITED HOURS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A special correspondent of the newspaper Het Volk today reported from Vienna that Jews usually find supplies exhausted at the hours when they are permitted to visit specified food shops.

BRITAIN PRESSES PROBE ON PRZEMYSL MASSACRE OF 800 BY NAZIS

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler, replying to a question by Laborite Col. Josiah Wedgwood in Commons, said today the Foreign Secretary had no information on the reported execution of at least 800 Jews by the Nazis in the Polish town of Przemysl before the arrival of the Soviet forces, but was asking for a report on the subject.

Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, asked by Col. Wedgwood about the sentencing of 43 members of the Palestine Jewish labor federation for carrying arms, said the sentences were imposed by a military court, subject to the confirmation of the General Offiquer in Command, who had not yet taken a decision.

WEIZMANN VISIT TO U.S. SET FOR DECEMBER; WILL STAY 3 MONTHS

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, is planning to visit the United States early in December for a stay of three or four months in connection with political and fund raising activities, it was learned today.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency's Jerusalem Executive, who arrived from Palestine Monday night, is extensively discussing general Palestine problems with Dr. Weizmann. He has given the Agency leader a detailed report on the present situation in Palestine.

Meanwhile, Agency leaders here are chiefly concerned with the immigration question, particularly as it applies to the Polish refugee problem, and also the attitude of the British Government in refusing a schedule for the current six-month period, although it is issuing a non-Jewish schedule, despite the pressing urgency of the refugee problem.

Ben Gurion met with members of the Executive here yesterday for a general comparison of developments both in London and Jerusalem and a discussion of immediate problems.

HUNGARIAN POLICE OPEN DRIVE TO OUST POLISH JEWS

BUDAPEST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The organ of the Orthodox Jews, Zsido Ujsag, urges Hungarian Jews to carry their identity documents with them at all times because of the hunt for bearded Jews launched by police throughout the country.

Many Jews of Polish nationality, although residing in Upper Hungary and Carpatho-Russia for many years, are now being forced by the Hungarian authorities into the Nazi and Soviet zones of Poland as aliens. Raids are being made not only in the streets but in railway stations and on all trains running to Budapest.

Many Jews who are Hungarian citizens have also been detained and held under arrest until they could prove their citizenship.

DRAGOMIR PROMISES "FORMAL CHANGES" IN POSITION OF RUMANIAN JEWS

EUCHAREST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- "Formal changes" in the Jewish situation, which he said had been radically altered, were promised today by Minorities Minister Silviu Dragomir in an interview with Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader.

HITLER CONQUESTS CREATED JEWISH PROBLEM FOR REICH, DOROTHY THOMPSON HOLDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Hitler's conquests have created rather than solved a Jewish problem for Germany, Dorothy Thompson declared today in her syndicated column, published in the New York Herald Tribune.

"He has horrified the world by his attempt to rid Germany of Jews by the most brutal means, and with a total lack of consideration of the problems of other nations, W-Miss Thompson said. "And what is the result of it? He started out with a minority of 600,000 Jews, most of them families who had lived in Germany for generations and were completely Germanized. Now, by conquests which have involved him in a European war, he has managed to acquire a population of some 4,000,000 Jews!

"He has therefore succeeded in creating for himself a Jewish problem -- where none existed when he started. He could deal with 600,000 relatively well-to-do Jews by his methods. He cannot deal with 4,000,000 very poor Jews with his methods. He thinks to solve this problem by moving the Jews from Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia and quartering them among the already desperate Poles. He can, thereby, create starvation and chaos -- but the starvation and chaos are not on British, French or even Polish territory but on his own territory."

ROOSEVELT AMONG MANY HAILING JUSTICE FRANKFURTER ON 57TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter today celebrated his 57th birthday by working as usual. Among the hundreds of telegrams and messages of congratulation he received was one from President Roosevelt.

PRINCESS HOHENLOHE, LOSER IN ROTHERMERE SUIT, AMONG FEW JEWS RETAINED IN NAZI SERVICE

LONDON, Nov. I5. (JTA) -- Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburg-Schillingsfuerst, who today lost her breach of contract suit against Lord Rothermere, the publisher, is one of the few Jewish-born persons whose abilities were so indispensable that they were retained in the service of the anti-Semitic German Government.

Born Stephanie Richter in Vienna's Jewish quarter, she married a Hungarian prince and was divorced after six years. She lived for a time in Berlin, working for Lord Rothermer's London Daily Mail and gaining influence in Nazi circles. She later came to London on a mission for Chancellor Hitler and was credited with being instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Munich pact.

MURRY GUGGENHEIM DEAD AT 81: WAS INDUSTRIALIST, PHILANTHROPIST

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Murry Guggenheim, financier, industrialist and philanthropist, died at his home today at the age of 81. Member of the Guggenheim family famous for its exploits in the copper industry, he and his wife gave millions of dollars for charity, including more than \$3,000,000 to provide free dental clinics in New York, 5,000,000 frames to the University of Paris and \$100,000 to the Hebrew Union College, as well as a fund to sponsor the free Goldman Band concerts in New York.

A native of Philadelphia, Guggenheim was the third son of Meyer Guggenheim, who had come to the United States as an immigrant from Switzerland. He entered the firm of M. Guggenheim's Sons when it was established in 1881 and remained with it after it became Guggenheim Brothers in 1915. He married Leonie Bernheim in 1887.

D. J. KAUFMAN, WASHINGTON MERCHANT, DEAD AT 77; AIDED 29 CHARITIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- D.J. Kaufman, Washington Jewish philanthropist and retired merchant, died early today at the age of 77. He was a former board member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, served on several presidential inaugural committees and contributed privately to the support of 29 charities, chosen regardless of creed. His business is now being carried on by his son, Joseph D. Kaufman.

8 ANTI-SEMITES CONVICTED OF DISRUPTING PHILADELPHIA TOLERANCE PARLEY

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Eight of eleven men accused of breaking up a tolerance meeting and of spreading anti-Semitic literature which terrorized Jewish merchants in West Philadelphia last night were found guilty by a jury in Quarter Sessions Court of inciting to riot.

The men were charged with disrupting a meeting of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance which was held last March 12 at the Y.M.C.A. The trial opened yesterday morning before Judge Francis Shunk Brown Jr. Counsel for the defendants announced the werdict would be appealed.

200 WOMEN'S GROUPS BACK NATIONAL DRIVE ON INTOLERANCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Council Against Intolerance in America today opened a nationwide National Seal Week, aided by more than 200 women's organizations, aimed at raising funds to carry on an educational campaign against intolerance. The official seal in the campaign is a painting of "The Spirit of Tolerance" by McClelland Barclay, for which Katharine Hepburn posed. The primary objective of the drive is increased distribution of the teachers' manual, "An American Answer to Intolerance."