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### 30,000 SEIZED, 1,000 COURT-MARTIALLED IN POLAND FOR OPPOSING 'RESERVATION'

PARIS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Le Soir reported today that 30,000 persons have been arrested in Poland and about 1,000 of them court-martialled for protesting against the Nazi project for establishment of a "Jewish reservation" in the Lublin area. The wave of protests has resulted in severe conflict between General von Rundstadt, German military governor of Poland, and Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi civil governor, the report said.

According to Le Soir, General Rundstadt complained that the forced arrival of Jews in the Lublin district coupled with the expulsion of Polish peasants from this area created a double crisis, but Dr. Frank insisted on carrying out Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's orders, ordering mass arrests of those protesting.

The clash of opinion reached the point where General Rundstadt sent an indignant memorandum to Berlin warning that the Lublin project was leading to moral and economic catastrophe and arousing strong anti-German feelings among the Poles. Dr. Frank, terming this memorandum "a revolutionary document," denounced General Rundstadt as a friend of General Werner von Fritsch, who was killed during the Polish war, and demanded Rundstadt's withdrawal from Poland.

Meanwhile, Jews from Vienna were continuing to arrive in Lublin without means and almost without clothing, all being placed in the so-called "training camps."

In Prague, the Gestapo was reported to be busy trumping up a ritual murder case against Jews. According to the official Deutsches Nachrichten-Buro, the authorities in Prague found the body of a slain Czech woman carrying marks "which lead police to suspect ritual murder."

Today's Paris press was full of descriptions of persecution of Jews and Catholics in Germany, emphasizing that it was Hitler's aim to drive at least 20 per cent of the entire world Jewish population, or about 3,000,000, to Lublin and predicting that 2,000,000 Jews would be exiled to this area by April, 1940.

In Warsaw, according to reports, Jews were forbidden to enter restaurants and use street cars or autobusses.

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BREAD, WARM CLOTHES SEEN VITAL NEED FOR 2,000,000 JEWS IN NAZI, SOVIET POLAND

PARIS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Bread and warm clothing for nearly 1,500,000 hungry Jews in Nazi Poland and winter clothing for 500,000 homeless Jewish refugees under the Soviet occupation is the need of the hour, according to a "reasonably complete and accurate summary" of the situation of the Polish Jews received here today. The summary revealed that:

- (1) A million and a half Jews in Poland came under the Nazi occupation and 2,000,000 under the Soviet, the latter including 500,000 homeless refugees from German-occupied western Poland;
  - (2) Nearly 50 per cent of all Jewish-populated townships in Nazi Poland have been demolished by bombing;
  - (3) The bombing and fighting resulted in about 20,000 Jewish casualties in Warsaw alone;
  - (4) The present mortality among Jews in Warsaw averages 100 daily as compared with 10 before the war;
  - (5) The Jewish population of Warsaw, numbering 300,000 after the evacuation, is now nearly a half million, owing to the influx of refugees from nearby demolished towns, of whom 400,000, or 80 per cent, are urgently in need of relief;
  - (6) Similar want and poverty prevails also among the Jews in provincial towns, reaching unprecedented dimensions;
  - (7) Jews have been driven out of numerous townships and their property pillaged;
  - (8) Special levies have been imposed on the Jewish population;
  - (9) Jews suffer greatly from disabilities to which they are subjected;
  - (10) In addition to starvation, a formidable danger of epidemics is developing among the Jewish inhabitants;
- (11) All Jewish institutions in Warsaw have suspended their activities and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is the only institution caring, on the spot, for as many unfortunates as possible by maintaining 50 kitchens distributing 12,000 free meals daily, distributing as much warm clothing as possible to sufferers, feeding children and orphans, helping evacuated refugees who wish to return to their home towns and organizing relief also in the cities outside Warsaw.

So far the Warsaw office of the J.D.C. has distributed 15,000 parcels of clothing. In the Soviet-occupied territory the relief problem consists not of the 2,000,000 Jews who live there but the 500,000 refugees. They receive Russian aid, limited to one meal daily, which not all are able to get regularly, and they are all in need of winter clothing, which it is impossible to secure in Russia.

Although the Soviet occupation authorities permitted a J.D.C. representative to spend his reserve funds for relief they do not for the time being permit entry of new foreign relief funds.

The summary estimates that in Nazi Poland, where this problem is even more acute about a quarter million Jews, mostly from the small towns, have become homeless refugees because their towns were completely obliterated. These have reached Warsaw, Lodz and other large centers, are unable to proceed further and are deprived of any possibility of earning a livelihood under the Nazis.

Many families are composed of women and children, whose menfolk are dead or missing, who were crossing by the thousands daily into Russia and formerly were received hospitably but are now encountering difficulties.

As a result of the growing want and suffering among the Jews, under the occupation the Joint Distribution Committee is being requested to ship from the United States "large quantities" of foodstuffs, especially flour, fats, condensed milk and cocoa, and also a great supply of warm underwear, drugs and soap.

Meanwhile the J.D.C. office in Warsaw, praised by all for the spirit of sacrifice displayed by its staff, is continuing to function and its kitchens are the only source of food for thousands. The J.D.C. has been able to open in Warsaw 30 homes for homeless Jewish children and is developing aid to the sick and wounded through the TOZ, Polish Jewish health society.

#### TROPER NAMED TO LEGION OF HONOR FOR RELIEF WORK IN FRANCE

PARIS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Morris C. Troper, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, today was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his leadership in relief activities. Mr. Troper was elected director of the J.D.C. in September, 1938, after having served for many years as controller. He was also president of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

#### SCHORR RELEASED BY REDS IN LWOW, PARIS KIN INFORMED

PARIS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Professor Moses Schorr, Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, Polish Senator and principal leader of the Polish Jews, has been released from arrest by the Soviet authorities in Lwow, his two daughters in Paris were informed today.

Rabbi Schorr had refused to leave Poland with the Polish Government evacuation party. According to Count August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister, the Chief Rabbi asserted: "As long as I am the head of Polish Jewry I cannot leave Polish soil, on which millions of Jews remain."

A New York Yiddish newspaper reported that Rabbi Schorr had been executed by the Gestapo in Warsaw, but on Oct. 18 advices reached Wilno to the effect that he was under arrest in Lwow together with Deputy Emil Sommerstein and N. Szwalbe, editor of the Warsaw Polish-language Jewish daily Nasz Przegląd.

#### ESCAPED WAR PRISONERS TELL OF NAZI MALTREATMENT IN POLAND

KAUNAS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Escaped Jewish war prisoners, who had been captured by the Nazis in Poland on Sept. 9, arrived here today and related their experiences at the hands of their German captors.

Immediately after their capture, they said, all Jewish prisoners were separated from the Polish prisoners. During the first three days they received only a few cups

of hot water. On the fourth day and thereafter they were given small quantities of bread daily. All the Jews were searched, money, jewels, overcoats and warm underwear being confiscated. A special camp for Jewish war prisoners was established near Kuszelnia, where lately the entire Jewish population of the town has also been interned.

The escaped prisoners confirmed previous reports of brutal treatment accorded Jewish civilians by the Nazis. They said arrested Jews were kept for nine days without food, yellow badges were introduced for Jews, beards of rabbis were cut off and the civil population was forbidden to extend any assistance to Jewish war prisoners. One Pole, they reported, was shot for defying the latter ban.

#### GROUP TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF REFUGEES FORMED IN WILNO

WILNO, Lithuania, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A Lithuanian Jewish committee to facilitate emigration of refugees to America, Palestine and elsewhere has been established here.

A delegation representing 1,300 workers, mostly Jews, has applied to the Soviet Legation for permission to enter Russia. The Legation promised to communicate the request to Moscow. The group, most of whom were seeking work in the Russian interior, had been turned back at the frontier last week when it was closed following a period during which free transit had been permitted from the Wilno district.

#### BRITAIN REJECTS PLEA FOR SPECIAL PALESTINE ENTRY QUOTA FOR POLISH REFUGEES

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Colonial Office grant a special Palestine immigration schedule for refugees from Poland, made by the Agudath Israel organization to Sir Francis Humphries, Foreign Office director of Polish relief activities, has not been accepted by the British Government, Sir Francis today informed H.A. Goodman, secretary of the Agudath Israel. It was pointed out in connection with the proposal that the question of illegal immigration had raised difficulties.

Discussing the general problem of the position of the Jews in Poland and those who had fled, Sir Francis indicated that the British authorities were concentrating on relief in southeastern Europe, while Americans were to deal with the problem in Baltic countries and Poland itself.

Meanwhile, Agudath Israel circles expressed doubt over the Jerusalem report that current negotiations would lead to inclusion of the Agudah in the Jewish Agency. These circles expressed the belief that Agudah cooperation would be limited to assistance in war problems and war emergency taxation.

#### MONTEVIDEO JEWS SEND REFUGEE RELIEF FUNDS TO WILNO, BUCHAREST

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community of Montevideo has dispatched 12,000 lirs for refugee relief to Wilno, Lithuania, and 310,000 lei for the same purpose to Bucharest, Rumania, it was announced here today.

#### POLISH PREMIER HAILS LOYALTY OF JEWS, SLAVS

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Addressing the Foreign Press Association, Polish Premier Wladislas Sikorski declared today: "I must say how profoundly moved my country has been by the proofs of the loyalty given to Poland by the Slav and Jewish minorities."



SOVIET TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO WORK, OFFICIALS IN LONDON STATE

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Officials at the Soviet Consulate said today that the thousands of refugees from Nazi Poland now in Soviet territory would be treated without discrimination as political refugees and would be given every facility to live and to work. The Consulate has applied to Moscow for instructions with regard to scores of inquiries on how to ascertain the fate of relatives in Russian-occupied Poland. Pending receipt of the instructions, officials said, they were unable to give any assistance.

NEW FINGER-PRINT PASSPORTS FORCED ON REICH JEWS

WILNO, Lithuania, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Berlin dispatches reported today that the Nazis have seized all identity documents held by Jews and substituted for them special passports containing a photograph of the bearer, biographical details and two finger prints.

PAN-AMERICAN ORT PARLEY PLANNED, LVOVITCH REVEALS AFTER STATE DEPT. TALKS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, conferred with State Department officials today on plans for retraining of thousands of Jewish refugees.

Dr. Lvovitch later told the J.T.A. that plans were being formulated for a pan-American ORT conference at which ORT leaders from Latin American countries would discuss the type of training their respective governments would recommend for future immigrants.

He emphasized that many Latin American nations would receive agriculturists but not physicians, lawyers and "bankless bankers," since these professions were already overcrowded. Through the conferences it is hoped to ascertain exactly what occupational categories of immigrants will be welcomed in the Western Hemisphere.

PLAN TO PUT INTERNED REFUGEES ON FARMS WINS FRENCH BACKING

PARIS (JTA-By Mail). -- The Ministry of Agriculture has given its approval to a project for removal of a number of refugees from internment camps to farms for use as labor replacements for farmhands now serving in the French army.

Support of the plan was announced in a letter to La Bienvenue Francaise, association promoting exchange of students among nations, which is sponsoring the project. The letter promised the Agriculture Ministry's full cooperation in carrying out the project and put at the association's disposal the services of its experts.

In approving the plan, the Ministry's letter cited success of an international organization (the World ORT Union) in conducting farm training schools in the southwest of France for immigrants.

Mme. C. Boas de Jouvenal is playing a leading role in the association's farm project.

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THYSSEN QUIT REICH POSTS IN ANGER OVER POGROMS, AMSTERDAM HEARS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The newspaper Het Volk reported tonight that Fritz Thyssen, German steel magnate who has taken refuge in Switzerland, had resigned all his public offices as a sign of protest against anti-Jewish excesses instituted in Germany last November following the assassination of a German Embassy official in Paris.

The newspaper said that Thyssen fled to Switzerland in fear that an unexplained summons to Berlin meant imprisonment or worse. Several months ago, the report said, he received an "invitation" to attend a meeting of the Council of State in Berlin. Believing the call portended trouble, he pretended he had made a business trip and left Germany for good, the newspaper explained.

CREATION OF PALESTINE TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK AIRED AT TEL AVIV PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Establishment of an office for Palestine trade in New York was discussed today at a meeting of representatives of Jewish national institutions, banks and trade organizations called to discuss plans for promoting exports to America. Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, urged American Jews to increase their support for the upbuilding of Palestine.

Meanwhile, High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael received a joint delegation of Arab and Jewish citrus growers in Jerusalem to discuss the new season's problems and the question of a Government subsidy for citrus production.

LONDON POLICE HUNT GANG OF ANTI-JEWISH MARAUDERS

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Scotland Yard today sent out orders to all detectives and policemen in London to be on the lookout for window-cutters as a result of the slashing of windows, apparently organized by an anti-Jewish gang, which has been continuing in some London districts. The action was taken after Scotland Yard had received reports of new vandalism in the Stokenewington, Stamford Hill and Hackney districts, which are populated largely by Jews.

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Charge of Treason Voiced in Commons

LONDON (JTA-By Mail). -- Charges that an "anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi" body here was engaged in treasonable activities were voiced in the House of Commons by Sir John Anderson, Secretary of State for Home Security.

"We have all had some evidence," Sir John said, "of the power and effect of Nazi propaganda, and there are, in this country, propagandists for the Nazi cause. A certain body, well-known to be anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi, has given instructions to its members that each member is to turn himself into a rumor monger as a channel for verbal propaganda against the evacuation scheme."

"It was suggested that if this propaganda could be put about, evacuated people would go back to London and an important measure taken in the interests of the civil population would be defeated. Finally it was stated in these instructions that once this had happened a surprise attack might bring the Jews to their knees."