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FLIGHT OF JEWS FROM NAZI TO SOVIET AREAS CONTINUES; 53 SHOT IN WARSAW

WILNO, Lithuania, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The flight of Jews from German to Soviet areas of Poland is continuing despite the fact that the frontiers have been ordered hermetically closed.

During the past week, more than 3,000 Jews, chiefly women and children, crossed into Soviet territory near Jadowbrok Zaremby, south of Bialystok. The majority had been stripped of all belongings. Undernourished after camping for two weeks under the open skies of a no-man's-land, three children died. Two women were driven mad by their experiences.

The Germans had forbidden the refugees to return to Nazi territory and the Russians permitted them to enter only after two weeks of unceasing application.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanian newspaper *Lietuvos Aidas* reported from Berlin that 53 Jews and a Polish policeman had been shot dead in Warsaw. An official German announcement asserted that Poles had released a Jew, Jacob Silbring, from prison although he had killed a Polish policeman.

According to the Nazi version, Jews living in the house where Silbring was hiding had told the police that the escaped prisoner was not there. When this was discovered to be false, all 53 residents of the house were executed.

The newspaper also reported that the Nazi Governor of Warsaw had ordered Jewish enterprises marked with a black star of David on a white background. The order applies to all enterprises whose owners or their parents are Jews, or 25 per cent of the shares are Jewish owned.

Jews and Jewesses in Warsaw and Cracow have been ordered to wear armlets with the star of David.

40 LUBLIN YESHIVA STUDENTS ESCAPE TO WILNO, OTHERS SEIZED BY NAZIS

WILNO, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Forty students and four teachers of Poland's greatest Jewish religious college, Yeshivat Hahmei Lublin, have escaped to Wilno.

Forty-five students did not succeed in leaving Lublin and were arrested, as well as the head of the school, Rabbi Zvi Frommer, and the chairman of its education board, Joseph Koenigsberg, well known Lublin industrialist and philanthropist. All of those arrested were maltreated, and it was rumored that Rabbi Frommer was tortured to death.

There are altogether 1,700 students of Jewish religious schools in Poland who are now in Wilno, headed by the Gaon Haim Oser Grodzinski.

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Orthodox Rabbis Seek Funds to Recreate Polish Yeshivoh

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Creation of an emergency committee to raise funds to find new havens for the Polish yeshivoh was announced today by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of United States and Canada, which said the action was decided upon at a special conference.

The Agudath Harabonim made public today a cable received from Rabbi Grodzinski in Wilno which said that the distress of the yeshiva students in Lithuania was dire and required urgent relief.

The Agudath Chassidei Chabad received a cable from Wilno which said: "Students Central Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch of Otwock fugitives in Wilno, hungry, naked. Urgent assistance necessary."

VAN VRIESLAND, INDUSTRIALIST, ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN TEL AVIV AT 53

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Siegfried Adolf Van Vriesland, prominent Zionist leader, general manager of the Port of Tel Aviv and general manager of Palestine Potash, Ltd., died here today. He was 53 years old.

Van Vriesland was a member and treasurer of the World Zionist Executive from 1919 to 1925. In 1927, he was named consul for The Netherlands in Jerusalem.

Born in Haarlem, The Netherlands, Van Vriesland was a well known attorney, practising for many years in Holland before coming to Palestine. He was a brother-in-law of Siegfried Hoofien, manager of the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

PALESTINE WARNED OF NAZI EFFORTS TO TRADE THROUGH NEUTRAL NATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Newspapers warned today of a German ruse to export goods camouflaged as the products of a neutral country. They said that German firms had made clumsy attempts to continue selling goods to Jewish importers in Palestine despite the war. Letters were received from German firms, mailed from Italy and naming Italian firms as intermediaries, it was said.

BRITISH PAPERS LAUD ACTION ENABLING REFUGEES TO WORK

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Two British newspapers, the News-Chronicle and Daily Sketch, welcome the Government's decision to permit refugees to work in Britain on the grounds that it was a humanitarian action and would aid British industry.

The News-Chronicle states editorially:

"Many of these exiled men and women suffered terribly at Hitler's hands and are only too anxious to do their bit to overthrow the regime they hate. Many also have qualifications which make their help valuable to this country. It is right that we should regard them not as Germans and Austrians but as beings whose aims are ours."

The Sketch cites two instances to show that the decision to permit refugees to work was beneficial to British skilled labor:

"Twelve skilled British workers had been idle for months because only one could assemble a complex German toolmaking machine on which their jobs depend. A German Herr Doctor ---- was idle, too. He was a £1,000-a-year man in his fatherland. Today they are all smiling. The Government's new order allowing aliens to work will set these 13 men at work at once."

The other instance was "of a young engineering draughtsman who was put in a concentration camp because he is a Jew. He was tortured for not making his bed properly. His right arm is useless, the nerves destroyed. In England he has retaught himself, can do his intricate work left-handed now. He has special knowledge of secret processes England wants."

The Daily Sketch also declares that "brilliant young German Jewish chemists, exiled by Hitler, are among the scientists who are risking their lives for Britain in the fight against Nazidom."

"Leading them are three famous scientists, one of them of German origin, who must not be named," the paper adds. "They are the men who will shield us against the chemical horror which Hitler may launch against us."

Newspapers also report that among 348 Germans interned in Britain were a number of Gestapo agents, sent here with bogus papers to pass themselves off as refugees.

REICH JEWS LEFT OUT AS CLOTHING CARDS ARE DISTRIBUTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Distribution of clothing cards began throughout Germany yesterday, but it was understood that Jews would not receive them, according to a United Press dispatch from Berlin. No clothing may be bought without the cards.

NAZI COURT JAILS BRITON FOR AIDING JEWS TO EMIGRATE

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Charles Wilkinson, described as an official attached to the former British consulate at Dresden, has been sentenced by a German court to three years' imprisonment on a charge of aiding Jews to leave Germany and thus infringing German currency regulations, it was reported today from Amsterdam.

INCOME OF BRITISH SYNAGOGUES HIT BY WAR; 19% DROP NOTED

LONDON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The effect of war conditions on Jewish communal life is reflected in figures just published showing that the income of constituent synagogues of the United Synagogue dropped £15,651 in the current year, or 19 per cent compared with the corresponding period last year.

Synagogues' officers have been warned that retrenchments already made will not suffice and more far-reaching steps are unavoidable unless membership can be maintained and contributions, including offerings, forthcoming in the near future.

2 ANTI-SEMITES FINED FOR VANDALISM IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The police drive against spreading anti-Jewish vandalism brought its first convictions since the outbreak of the war Friday when two men were fined by a North London magistrate for painting anti-Semitic slogans on a house fence. Each was fined 40 shillings, plus 2 pounds, 7 shillings costs, with the alternative of a month's imprisonment, and was given only one week to pay.

The anti-Semites had painted on the fence the slogan: "Stop, this is a Jewish war with Britain's blood." One of the defendants carried a number of anti-Jewish memoranda when apprehended. The magistrate said they both were sentenced on a minor charge but might have been charged with something more serious.

Meanwhile, during the night, plate glass windows of a number of shops on the Strand between Tivoli and Villiers Streets were broken and on some the word "Jew" was scratched.

GERMANS HERE HELD VICTIMIZED BY NAZI FIRM SENDING FOOD PARCELS TO REICH

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A charge that German-Americans are being victimized by the German-American Travel Service, organized by Hermann Schwinn, Los Angeles leader of the German-American Bund, through being charged excessive prices for delivery of food packages to Germany is made by the News Letter of the News Research Service, Inc., of Los Angeles.

The news letter declares that Schwinn's agency offers to deliver, for \$8.50, a package of food whose actual retail value amounts to about \$2.

A similar food package service is carried on in New York by Forta, Inc., which, working through the Hamburg-American Line, cables orders for delivery of food to persons in Germany. The \$8.50 is supposed to cover the cost of cabling, buying the food in a neutral country and delivery to the recipient. The agency states that since Oct. 26 it has accepted more than 10,000 orders for gift packages.

MRS. ROOSEVELT GIVES QUAKERS HER \$1,000 'HUMANITARIANS' AWARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will turn over the \$1,000 she is receiving as winner of the 1939 Humanitarians Award in Philadelphia tonight to the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), she said today.

58 INTERNED REFUGEES RELEASED IN ALGIERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Fifty-eight Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria who were taken off the Italian liner Conte di Savoia by a French battleship and interned at Algiers have been given permission to proceed to the United States, where their families have already arrived, according to word received today by HIAS from the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association in Paris, which intervened in their behalf.

TEL AVIV HOUSE DEEDED TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Kruskall family in Tel Aviv has deeded its three-story house in the center of Tel Aviv to the Hebrew University. After the death of the present owners the house will be used for part of the university's activities. Another benefactor, anonymous, gave real estate in Tel Aviv to the university and Jewish National Fund jointly.