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HUNDREDS DYING DAILY IN 'RESERVATION'; NAZIS REPORTED DROWNING MANY IN RIVER

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jews are dying daily from exposure and lack of food in the Lublin Jewish "reservation" set up by the Nazis in Poland, it was reported today by a Polish army officer who had made his way through the area and arrived in Budapest.

The officer, in an interview with the Budapest correspondent of the London Jewish Chronicle, declared that conditions in the region were beyond description, with thousands of Jews herded together almost without any food and exposed to severe cold.

The officer related that in one case, the Nazi guards, after robbing their victims of all their valuables, took several hundreds in boats to the middle of the river and suddenly ordered, "All Jews out!" They forced women and children at bayonet point to jump into the icy waters of the river. Most were drowned and those trying to swim to shore were shot. The guards, the officer said, mocked the victims as they struggled in the water.

Newspapers here reported today that Jews in the Nazi-held Polish province of Kalisch had been threatened with the death penalty if they violated a curfew forbidding them to leave their houses between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

No Visas Issued in Warsaw, Refugee Reveals

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A Warsaw Jew who reached Paris today stated that the Polish Jews had no thought but to leave Poland, and the Gestapo would probably permit emigration, but no foreign consulates were issuing visas to Jews.

In a statement filed with the Federation of Jewish Societies in France, the refugee declared that only two foreign consuls remained in Warsaw -- the American, who for the time being was not issuing any visas, and the Italian, who had standing orders not to issue visas, even for transit, to Polish Jews.

The informant himself obtained a visa from the Italian consul, who made an exception for personal reasons. This visa permitted the refugee a two-week stopover in Italy pending receipt of a visa for France. With the Italian transit visa he succeeded, after great difficulty, in obtaining an emigration permit from the Gestapo, which enabled him to reach Italy via Austria.

The situation of the Jews in Warsaw is getting worse daily, the refugee said, and while unable to emigrate legally, many manage to reach neighboring countries illegally, although such emigration is becoming increasingly difficult because of mounting restrictions on Jews' movements in the occupied territory.

Not one Jewish leader has remained in Warsaw, the informant stated, and the Jewish community organization is restricted to disposal of the Jewish dead and the carrying out of a census of the Jewish population, ordered by the Nazis "for economic purposes." This census was carried out on Oct. 28 and the lists submitted to the Gestapo, which thus now has every Jew in Warsaw on record.

To forestall anti-Nazi demonstrations, the refugee declared, the Nazi authorities took twelve hostages in Warsaw, including former Mayor Stefan Starczynski, Count Lubomirski, Prof. Stanishkis, ex-Senator Ewart and two Jews, Abraham Gepner, well known philanthropist and president of the Jewish Merchants' Association, and Siegelbaum, leader of the Bund, Jewish Socialist party.

Driven into a ghetto, the Jews have no means of livelihood since none has merchandise to trade or raw materials with which to practice his artisanship. It is impossible for Jews to open offices since the Nazi authorities deny them electric power, gas, water, telephone or mail service.

Two-and-a-half-million kilometers of glass are needed to repair broken windows in Warsaw, the refugee said, but all available glass has been shipped by the Nazis into the interior of the Reich. The lack of windows aggravates the health problem. Jews are left to freeze in rooms crowded with 15 to 20 people, without even elementary sanitary necessities since the ruined sewer system has not been repaired in the ghetto section.

Epidemics Cause Indefinite Suspension of Ghetto Order

WILNO, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Spread of epidemics in Warsaw, it was reported here today, has resulted in indefinite suspension of the order under which the 500,000 Jews were to be concentrated in two narrow sections of the former Polish capital.

Jews who have already moved into the ghetto districts, however, will not be allowed to return to their former homes, it was learned. Suspension of the edict was ordered by the army chief of the occupied territory, who resides in Cracow. The commander reportedly feared spread of epidemic diseases among the German soldiers.

The buildings formerly occupied by the famous Yeshivat Hahmei Lublin, Poland's greatest Jewish religious institution, have been converted into a military barracks for Nazi troops, it was learned today.

SOVIET ISSUES VISAS FOR RETURN OF REFUGEES FROM POLAND

GENEVA, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Soviet Legation in Bucharest has started to issue visas for refugees from Poland desiring to return to Soviet-held territory, it was reported here today.

Zionist youth settlements in Soviet Poland have been dissolved, according to information reaching here.

It was ascertained here today that the appeal delivered last week to the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris from Warsaw was not by Dr. Joshua Gottlieb, but from Shulim Gottlieb, who also was on the staff of the former Warsaw daily Moment. Dr. Gottlieb, it is now learned, is with his family in Pinsk, Russia. The mistake in identity was made by a Zionist official in Trieste, who, when Shulim reached the Italian port from Warsaw, mistook him for Dr. Joshua Gottlieb and accordingly informed the J.D.C. that he was the author of the report.

Ukrainians Get Preference in Lwow Area

WILNO, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Soviet trade authorities in Lwow, it was learned here today, have opened 600 wholesale stores for distribution of confiscated wares to workers' cooperative societies.

Strong "Ukrainization" of the Lwow zone is being pressed by the Soviet authorities. All important posts in the fields of administration, economy and education are being given to Ukrainians, with Poles and Jews taking second place. This program, it is understood, is designed to attract Ukrainians to the new regime, since nationalistic sentiments among them are strong.

Meanwhile, the influx of refugees from Nazi Poland to the southern part of the Soviet zone is continuing. Despite a shortage of products, particularly text and leather, the refugees consider the Soviet area a paradise by comparison with their position under Nazi rule.

Details of the treaty recently signed by the Soviet and Lithuanian regimes for an exchange of populations have been made known. Among points covered is a provision that movable property may be taken by the repatriates.

SUWALKI RABBI DIES AT RITES FOR NO-MAN'S-LAND REFUGEE

KAUNAS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Gershon Broido, a rabbi of Suwalki, dropped dead yesterday during a memorial service being held in the town of Kalvarija for a refugee who died in the no-man's-land area between Nazi Poland and Lithuania. Broido himself had spent eight days in the no-man's-land.

FORWARD REPORTER LEAVES FOR FRANCE AS KAUNAS CANCELS DEPORTATION TO POLAND

KAUNAS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The authorities have released Moses Orzech, correspondent of the New York Jewish Daily Forward, who had been arrested last week and ordered deported to Nazi Poland on charges of cabling "tendentious" reports concerning Lithuania. Orzech is leaving for France today. His deportation to Poland, which was termed by his newspaper as tantamount to a death sentence, had been averted by strong intervention by colleagues and the British and American consulates.

CONFERENCE TONIGHT TO MAP CONGRESS OF POLISH JEWS HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish leaders, representatives of Polish Jewish organizations, publicists and editors has been called for the Hotel Astor tomorrow night to arrange a congress of Polish Jews in the United States, it was announced today by a delegation of Polish Jewish leaders here. The delegation comprises Dr. Arish Tartakower, Jakob Apenszlak and Dr. Leib Wulman, who arrived here from Paris several weeks after the war broke out.

ROOSEVELT MAPS ACTION AGAINST FOREIGN AGENTS; KUHN GETS 2 1/2 - 5 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt conferred at the White House today with Attorney General Frank Murphy and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, and was said to have discussed action possibly to be brought immediately against agents of foreign governments in the United States.

The President discussed with Murphy the possibility of bringing charges against Fritz Kuhn, German-American Bund leader who was sentenced in New York this morning to imprisonment from two-and-a-half to five years, Earl Browder, Communist Party secretary under indictment for passport falsification, and others on charges of violating the act requiring registration of foreign agents.

With Secretary Perkins, Roosevelt talked of the possibility of deporting members of the Bund and Communist Party who were not citizens and who were shown to be agents of foreign governments.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department decided that Kuhn does not lose his American citizenship because he was sentenced for a felony. He can not be deported, it was said, unless it is proved that he violated the law by making false statements when entering this country and obtaining naturalization. "Once a citizen always a citizen," the Department said.

However, Kuhn does lose his franchise under the laws of New York State.

Kuhn Sentenced as "Small-Time Thief," Not "Rabble-Rouser"

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, today was sentenced by General Sessions Judge James G. Wallace to serve from two-and-a-half to five years in prison for larceny and forgery charges arising from embezzlement of funds from the Bund. He was convicted by a jury on Nov. 29.

In passing sentence, which was relatively low in view of the possible 15 to 30 years maximum, Judge Wallace explained: "I am sentencing this man not as a rabble-rouser but as a small-time thief and forger. I am not going to make a martyr of this man. I am not going to punish him for shouting his hates from the rooftops. Some people don't like that right in this country, but I love it. There are plenty of other hate-dispensers in this country -- red, black and white; right and left."

YOUNGBERG NAMED TO DIRECT PHILIPPINES REFUGEE SETTLEMENT; SAILS THURSDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Refugee Economic Corporation announced today that it has engaged Dr. Stanton Youngberg to direct the settlement of an initial group of 600 to 800 refugees on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines. He will embark on the steamship Klipfontein from Los Angeles on Thursday to take up his duties.

Dr. Youngberg was executive secretary of the Mindanao Exploration Commission, which was sent by the corporation and the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees earlier this year to explore the possibilities of large-scale refugee settlement in Mindanao. For many years he was director of the Philippine Bureau of Agriculture and was on the staff of the Governor General as advisor on agriculture and animal husbandry.

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REICH JEWS URGE KIN IN ITALY TO SAVE THEM FROM 'RESERVATION'

ROME, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Refugees here are receiving hundreds of letters from relatives in all parts of the Reich imploring their intervention with the Italian Foreign Office to secure Italian visas and thereby escape the possibility of being sent to the Lublin Jewish "reservation." Efforts to comply with the pleas have been fruitless, since the authorities have specific instructions forbidding issuance of even transit visas to Jews holding German, Polish, Rumanian or Hungarian passports.

YUGOSLAV COURT BARS PAYMENT TO NAZI COMMISSAR OF JEWISH FIRM

BELGRADE, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Spalato district court has ruled that Yugoslav debtors of confiscated Jewish firms in the Reich should pay their debts to the Jewish owners abroad.

The verdict was issued in an action brought by a Nazi commissar in the Vienna Jewish firm of Hirschl and Company against the Yugoslav firm La Dalmatienne, which had paid its debt to the owner, who is now a refugee, rather than to the Commissar.

In rejecting the commissar's claim, the court ruled that it could not recognize the institution of a commissar appointed on racial grounds, since that was in contradiction to the Yugoslav Constitution which guarantees equal rights for Jews and because it would serve to support principles alien to the Yugoslav State.

30,000 JEWS IN HUNGARY CONVERTED IN 20 YEARS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Official statistics published here today revealed that 30,774 Jews in Hungary have been converted to other religions in the last 20 years, while 4,211 non-Jews have embraced Judaism in the same period. Most of the Jewish conversions were recorded between the years 1934 and 1938, under the influence of the anti-Jewish laws in Nazi Germany.

CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- An appeal for support of societies engaged in relief work for the French Army was broadcast here by Chief Rabbi Isaye Schwartz on the French national hookup. "The soldiers of the Allied Armies," he said, "are fighting to save the world from threatened barbarism."

FREUD LEFT \$83,000; GRANDCHILDREN TO GET ROYALTIES

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The late Prof. Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis, left an estate of £20,850 (about \$83,000), it was revealed today. The noted scientist bequeathed to his daughter Anna his collection of books on psychology and psychoanalysis. Royalties accruing from his copyright interests will be placed in a trust fund for use of his grandchildren upon reaching their majority.

HOW TO MAKE CHRISTIANS MORE TOLERANT IS QUESTION, YEATS-BROWN HOLDS IN BOOK

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- There is no Jewish question but a Christian question -- how to make Christians more tolerant, it is declared by F. Yeats-Brown in a new book, "European Jungle," issued by Macre-Smith Co. Discussing British diplomacy, he says, "Let us be honest with ourselves with regard to the shocking error which we have committed and admit that we made contradictory promises to the Arabs and Jews concerning Palestine."