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NAZIS MACHINE-GUN ALL JEWS IN TOWN NEAR WARSAW, REFUGEES REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle reported today that Nazis entered the Polish town of Ostrovie near Warsaw, forced all the Jewish men to dig a large pit and then lined them up before the ditch and shot them down from behind with machine-guns so that their bodies fell into the newly-dug grave. The paper quoted ten Polish refugees "of good standing" who reached Budapest as vouching for the truth of the massacre report.

The military force entered the town and looted it, the refugees said. A squad entered the house of a rich Jewish merchant and ordered him to hand over all valuables, but he instead set fire to the building and escaped.

A few hours later, the report said, the Gestapo ordered all Jewish men, women and children to parade to the market square. The men were given picks and shovels and ordered them to dig a large ditch. When they had finished it they were lined up and executed.

The refugees related other incidents of men being buried alive, women being shot without reason and prisoners being allowed to die by the hundreds of exposure.

5 Executed in Otwock on Arms Charge

WILNO, Lithuania, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Three Jews accused of secreting arms have been executed by the Nazis in the Warsaw suburb of Otwock, it was reported here today. One of the victims was the well-known Jewish writer and ex-prisoner, Urke Nachalnik, author of books on crime.

Word was received here that the Nazis have released S.I. Stupnicki, editor of the former Warsaw Yiddish daily Moment, who had been arrested during the first days of the German occupation.

Nathan Swalbe, Saul Wagman and Samuel Wolkowicz, editors of the former Polish Jewish daily Nasz Przegląd, it was learned, have been interned by the Soviet authorities in Volhynian camps.

At least 500,000 refugees from Nazi Poland are now in Lwow, Soviet-held capital of Western Ukraine, it is learned here. The position of the majority of the Jewish refugees is understood to be precarious and they depend entirely on assistance from public funds. Ten thousand refugees from the German-held area have been transferred to the Don mining basin in Russia.

The 400-acre Baron de Hirsch agricultural school at Slobodka Lesna, in Soviet-held Western Ukraine, has been parcelled out among Ukrainian peasants, it is learned here. The school itself, with 50 acres of land, has been taken over by the Government. It had been operated by the Jewish Colonization Association.

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Many Leaders Reported in Lwow

GENEVA (JTA-By Mail). -- It is reported from Lwow that a large number of well-known Jewish personalities from Poland are at present in that Soviet-held city. In addition to former Deputy Emil Sommerstein, who is still under arrest, the following Polish Jewish leaders are listed as in Lwow:

Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr and his wife; Judge Maximilian Fride, Advocate I. Baumberg, president of the Jewish Lawyers' Association of Poland, and Advocate Saper, secretary of the association, with his wife; the lawyer Margolis; the industrialist Kamieniecki and his daughter; Elias Majur, former president of the Warsaw Jewish Community; Maurice Mayzel, last president of the Warsaw Jewish Community and former Warsaw Deputy mayor; Dr. G. Birstein, director of the Union of Jewish Tradesmen in Poland; Engineer Maurice Zeidenman and Mr. J. Zalszupin.

All the above persons, it has been ascertained, are well and at liberty. Among the Polish refugees at present in Geneva are Dr. Rosa Lindenbaum-Horowitz, member of the administrative council of the Women's International Zionist Organization, and Mme. Dr. Saba Lindenbaum-Gottlieb, member of the organization's executive committee.

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CUBAN SENATE GETS BILL TO SEIZE REFUGEE BONDS; RETALIATION HINTED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The bill to confiscate the \$500 bonds of European refugees who have overstayed their six-month visas in Cuba has been introduced in the Cuban Senate, according to unofficial word reaching here from Havana today. The Cuban Government's move was prompted by the poor condition of its treasury, it was learned.

Cuba will soon be seeking credits from the United States, it was learned from an official source, and it is doubtful whether the State Department will look kindly upon requests for credits if Cuba seizes large sums of money placed on deposit by American organizations and individuals so that the refugees could find temporary haven in Cuba.

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8,000 Refugees in England Face New Job Troubles

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Reemployment of about 8,000 refugee domestic workers who lost their jobs in connection with the evacuation of large cities has been rendered more difficult by a new Home Office order requiring employers to obtain confirmation in writing from the local labor exchange that British labor is unavailable before engaging a refugee domestic worker.

Refugee domestic workers thus lose their previous equal status with British labor, while on the other hand they are allowed to seek employment in other than domestic occupations if British labor is unavailable. Labor permits are generally granted only to refugees exempted from the special enemy aliens' restrictions by the Allied tribunal.

Proof that British domestic workers were unobtainable was originally demanded only in cases where applications were made to bring new refugees to England.

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Nazi Prisoners Reported Hounding Refugee Camp-Mates

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Hannen Swaffer charged in his Daily Herald column today that interned Nazi war prisoners were abusing and assaulting civilian refugees who are being held in the same camps. He urged intervention by the War Minister to "put the matter right." The columnist cited letters from internees revealing that the war prisoners were terrorizing and beating up Jews and Socialists.

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Australian State Bans Medical Permits to Reich Exiles

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The New South Wales Cabinet has decided, as a war measure, no longer to permit doctors of German nationality to register for practice in the State. The decision has created strong feeling among a large number of Parliamentarians and their supporters who have been urging the Government to permit registration of refugee physicians.

3 JEWS ON SOVIET 6-MAN TRADE BEING FETED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Newspapers reported today that three of the six members of the Soviet economic mission in Germany were Jews, named Krimhatz, Gruenberg and Finkelstein. The Nazis were entertaining them at the best hotels, the report said.

RED CROSS SHIPPING SERUMS TO CRACOW WAREHOUSE, ROOSEVELT TOLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Norman Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, reported on progress of relief work in Poland and Finland to President Roosevelt today.

Mr. Davis told the President that serums and biologicals were now on the move from various parts of Europe to the Red Cross warehouse in Cracow but that the Red Cross had encountered difficulty in purchasing medicines in sufficient quantities and transporting them to German-occupied Poland. The serums and biologicals will be distributed in Poland under the direction of the German Red Cross and through Polish and Jewish agencies, according to the plan agreed upon by the German Government.

Paul Baerwald, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, conferred here with representatives of other organizations on Polish relief.

LEFT WING GROUPS USING ANTI-SEMITISM AS POLITICAL WEAPON, GLASGOW PAPER CHARGES

GLASGOW, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Glasgow Jewish Echo charged today that radical left wing circles in Scotland were trying to use anti-Semitism as a weapon for political propaganda.

The newspaper revealed that these circles were distributing a leaflet which contends that the Allies entered the war not because of Nazi aggressiveness but because of a change in the German currency system which was disliked by the "international set of money lenders and bankers, mostly of Jewish origin."

Stating that the power responsible for the present war is "predominantly Jewish," the leaflet, which is anti-Nazi, pleads for an "honest pact between Russia and France and Britain."

"Apparently left wing radicals too," the newspaper commented, "are beginning to realize that Jew-baiting is a convenient propaganda weapon."

DUTCH POLICE SEIZE ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER LINKED TO NAZI GROUP

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Police of The Hague today confiscated the current issue of the anti-Semitic fortnightly Mistoorn (Foghorn), published by an anti-Jewish organization affiliated with Col. Ulrich Fleischauer's "World Service" of Erfurt, Germany.

The action followed the call of a delegation of Jewish leaders upon Prof. Dr. P.S. Gerbrandy, Minister of Justice, to urge energetic measures to check growing manifestations of anti-Semitism in Holland. The delegation comprised Justice of the Peace Dr. J. Van Chefeld, of Amsterdam, and Dr. H. Sanders, noted attorney and president of the Rotterdam Jewish Community.

BEN GURION REVIEWS POLITICAL SITUATION AT MEETING OF PALESTINE BODY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Small Actions Committee, comprising Palestine members of the Zionist General Council, met today to consider problems of the Jewish homeland arising from the war.

A communique on the conference said that David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, reported on the political situation since the outbreak of the war. The debate was not concluded and will be resumed at the next session, which will be held in a week to ten days, according to Menachem M. Ussishkin, who presided, and will consider economic and organizational, as well as political matters.

At today's session, Ussishkin spoke of the tragedy of Polish Jewry and eulogized Siegfried van Vriesland, late manager of the Tel Aviv port and Zionist leader.

Leib Jaffe, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund, told a press conference today that Palestine Jewry "has gathered all its strength to preserve what has been created and continue the upbuilding, not only for themselves but for the entire Jewish nation."

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"Our functions, which have always been like those of a State, have grown out of all proportion," Jaffe said. "The Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) has been pressed to furnish the means for speedy and effective aid, such as receiving immigrants, combating unemployment, protecting industry, consolidating the 54 settlements established since the beginning of the disturbances, continuing political work and maintaining security. The Keren Hayesod has collected, in 19 years, £7,300,000. Last year was a record with £627,000 net."

Political Factors Holding Back Palestine, U.S. Consul Holds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- During 1935 Palestine was experiencing a boom as the result of the entry of large numbers of Jewish immigrants from Europe, but during the last three years the country's economic prosperity has declined because of unsettling political factors, Consul A.W. Scott in Jerusalem reported to the Commerce Department today.

His report dealt chiefly with the sale of American household appliances in Palestine. He estimated that there were 6,000 electric refrigerators in Palestine, 90 per cent of them American made. Since Jewish immigration was curtailed, Scott said, imports of refrigerators have dropped from £85,000 to £30,000 annually. The demand for electrical appliances is almost entirely from Government officials and Jewish immigrants and a small minority of the Arab population which lives according to European standards.

"The present economic situation resulting from the war, together with exchange and shipping difficulties, are factors which make the immediate outlook in this market far from bright," he said.

ANTI-ALIEN DRIVES HELD 'TRAVESTY OF AMERICANISM'

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The New York Times declared editorially today that "anti-alien campaigns of whatever nature are a sickening travesty of Americanism." It added: "We can contribute nothing of more value to a sick world than proof that men and women of different racial origins can get along together peaceably and democratically." The editorial was in connection with the appointment of President Emeritus William Allan Neilson as co-chairman of a committee of 100 sponsors for the fourth annual conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in Washington next March 2.

BULLETIN

Warsaw Jews 'Fined' \$200,000 in Murder of Policeman

WILNO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Warsaw have levied a fine of 1,000,000 zlotys (\$200,000 at pre-war rates) on the Jewish community in connection with the murder of a Polish policeman who was in the service of the Gestapo. The fine, first set at 300,000 zlotys and later increased to a million, was defrayed from blocked Jewish bank accounts by order of the Gestapo. The levy was followed by the execution of 53 Jews who resided in the houses 9 and 11 Nalewki Street, in one of which the Nazi police declared they had found a Jew hiding who was responsible for the alleged murder and had escaped from jail.