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### WAR, EXECUTIONS, DISEASE WIPED OUT 250,000 JEWS IN NAZI POLAND, 'WHITE BOOK' CHARGES

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- An estimated 250,000 Jews have been wiped out by military operations, executions, disease and starvation in Nazi Poland, the World Jewish Congress charged today in a 15-page "Jewish White Book."

The document, which records anti-Jewish barbarism since outbreak of the war, is supplemented by five pages of documentary evidence. The record contains the darkest narration ever known in Jewish history.

The White Book reveals for the first time that after the Munich bomb attempt on Chancellor Hitler's life the Nazi leaders completed plans for large-scale anti-Jewish pogroms throughout the Reich but suddenly cancelled them upon the advice of the Soviet Ambassador.

Other charges contained in the document are: More than 500 Jews are still under arrest in Germany in connection with the Munich blast. Numerous Jews in the old Reich have been imprisoned in concentration camps and executed since hostilities began. All Palestinian citizens in Germany have been imprisoned and their families interned in a Berlin hotel where they are being provided with food by the American Embassy. Jews are prohibited from appearing in the streets after eight p.m.

The food situation for Jews in Germany has become catastrophic as they are forbidden to acquire certain foods which may still be bought without ration cards by non-Jews. Danzig Jews are forbidden to appear on the streets after midday and have been ordered to leave the city by January 1, 1940. Jews in Vienna are given three-day prison terms as "mild punishment" for appearing on the streets after four p.m. Austrian police are systematically raiding street cars, buses and automobiles in a hunt for Jews. Jews in Bohemia-Moravia are forbidden to appear on the streets after noon. A ban on their use of street cars was rescinded when the Czech population demonstrated its sympathy by boycotting that mode of transportation.

The White Book also charges that Jews seeking to emigrate from the "protectorate" are forced to fill out 15 questionnaires and are subjected to beatings and humiliation by Gestapo officials while waiting. The victims include women who are allegedly beaten and put in solitary confinement cells when they dare to protest against physical maltreatment in the Gestapo waiting room.

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Reviewing the inhuman treatment of Jews by the Nazis in occupied Poland, the document asserts that at least 80 per cent of the remaining 1,250,000 Jews in the Nazi territory have been reduced to complete beggary. The White Book estimates that a majority of the 40,000 Jews who attempted to escape from Warsaw during the Nazi bombardment were killed by Nazi bombs in the suburbs of the former Polish capital. This is in addition, the document states, to 30,000 who perished in Warsaw during and after the Nazi occupation.

The White Book charges that cities populated chiefly by Jews were burned down completely, that Nazis executed 400 Jews in the public market place of the township Lukow, that a similar execution took place in Kalushin and other Jewish-populated towns, and that uncounted numbers of Jews died as a result of torture inflicted by Gestapo agents while working on forced labor projects. The document dwells lengthily on the Nazi plan to set up ghettos and on the Lublin "reservation." It charges also that German soldiers are forcing Jews from the "reservation" into neighboring Soviet Poland.

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2,500 Suicides Counted; Firing Squads Shoot 616

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- It was established today that more than 2,500 Jews have committed suicide in German-occupied Poland, as Polish Government sources reported the execution of 616 Jews by Nazis in two Polish cities. The suicides included more than 1,500 in Warsaw, more than 600 in Lodz, 80 in Lublin, more than 60 in Bendin, more than 60 in Czestochowa, 45 in Lomza, 30 in Tomazow and 25 in Kutno.

The Polish sources stated that 600 Jews were executed last week in Ostrow-Mazowieck and 16 in Lodz. No further details were given. In Lodz, the same sources said, 1,600 carloads of confiscated Jewish textiles last week were shipped into the interior of the Reich. In Warsaw, Jews are still forced to wear armlets bearing the Jewish star. (Reports reaching Wilno last week said the armband order had been revoked.)

The existence of epidemics in Jewish sections of Polish cities was indicated in other reports reaching Paris, despite a Rome dispatch published in New York which quoted Frederic C. Walcott, treasurer of the American Commission for Polish Relief, as denying that there were epidemics in Warsaw. One report received by a relief organization here said that epidemics were raging in the Lodz Jewish section known as "Balut" as a result of starvation and physical exhaustion. Other reports, mostly from people who recently escaped from Warsaw, stated that an average of 500 Jews daily were dying in Warsaw as a result of disease and starvation.

The official Nazi newspaper in Warsaw, Warschauer Zeitung, which reached Paris via Amsterdam, carries an article captioned "Warschauer Ghetto wird Abgesperrt" (Warsaw ghetto is isolated), in which it is stated that German soldiers have been officially forbidden to enter the ghetto. This measure was apparently taken to prevent the spread of disease to the German army.

"As per order of the Governor, the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw will be isolated behind barricades," the paper announced. It estimated that from 300,000 to 400,000 Jews would be segregated in the ghetto. Other reports received via neutral countries said that the approximately 160,000 Jews in Warsaw residing outside the ghetto until Jan. 1 were giving their immovable property to Polish friends and sell-

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ing furniture and other goods "for small change" since they did not expect to have enough space in their cramped ghetto quarters for furniture. Most of these Jews, it was said, slept at night in their clothes as they were never certain that they might not be awakened by the Nazis and ordered to the ghetto on 15 minutes' notice.

Anti-Jewish pressure is increasing in Lodz. Sale of postage stamps to Jews has been prohibited. Bearded Jews have been ordered to shave. Wearing of "yarmelkes" (black skullcaps) has been forbidden. Jewish enterprises have been ordered to display a six-pointed star over their doors, and Polish stores ordered to put up signs reading "This is a Polish enterprise."

The Essener National Zeitung, Field Marshal Hermann Goering's newspaper, reviewing results of the economic drive against Jews in Poland, states that 87 per cent of all Jewish artisan shops and 83 per cent of commercial enterprises, have been liquidated. It adds that all Jewish agricultural possessions have passed into "Aryan" hands and that seven Jewish agricultural colonies (apparently meaning Zionist training farms) have been completely liquidated.

#### OSE Fights Epidemics in Wilno

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A fight against epidemic diseases which are beginning to spread among Jewish refugees in Wilno, Lithuania, and the surrounding district has been launched by the OSE, Jewish health protection society, according to a report issued today by the world headquarters of the organization here. The report states that more than 6,000 Jewish refugees in Wilno are provided with medical aid by the OSE and 11,000 children are being fed in OSE free kitchens.

#### JEWISH POPULATION OF AUSTRIA DOWN TO 55,000, CENSUS SHOWS

PARIS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Austria has been reduced from 165,000 in March, 1938, to 55,000 as of September, 1939, according to an official report sent by the Vienna Jewish Community to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The report is based on a census which the Gestapo forced the Community to take.

#### NOTORIOUS GESTAPO MAN, KARBUS, PUSHES DRIVE ON JEWS IN LUBLIN

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Czechoslovak circles here report that Karbus, head of the Gestapo in Slovakia, has left Bratislava for Lublin to organize a campaign against the Jews there. According to these sources, Karbus, by his ruthless anti-Jewish actions, has succeeded in transferring important economic positions in Slovakia into German hands.

#### BERLIN JEWS LEFT TO STARVE, FREEZE, SWISS PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Zuercher Zeitung of Zurich, Switzerland, reports that many Jews in Berlin have been left to die of starvation and cold.

Jews are not receiving ration cards for clothes and are unable even to buy sewing material to repair their old rags, the paper states. Food cards are not sent to Jews as they are to other sections of the population. Jews must obtain their cards in person, entailing their lining up for hours in bitterly cold weather.

A special trick of the Nazis, the paper declares, is to issue cards to Jews only on Tuesday morning, while registration in retail shops ends on Tuesday evening. Thus they risk not being in time for registration. They are also excluded from

SCHWARTZBARD NAMED TO POLISH COUNCIL; LIEBERMAN AMONG VICE-PRESIDENTS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Polish Government-in-Exile has named Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbard, Zionist leader and former Sejm deputy, as the Jewish member of the Polish National Council, newly-created Polish Parliament of which Ignace Paderewski is the president.

Dr. Schwarzbard, who will represent Jewish national minority interests in the Council, escaped from Poland to Rumania in the early days of the war. The Polish Government has invited him to come here from Bucharest.

One of the vice-presidents of the Council is Dr. Herman Lieberman, one-time leader of the Polish Socialist Party and stormy petrel of Polish politics who was exiled in 1926.

BECKELMAN, J.D.C. AGENT, ARRIVES IN SWEDEN; GITERMAN, ORZECH STILL HELD BY NAZIS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Freed by the Nazis after their capture of the Estonian steamer Estonia last week, Moses Beckelman, a member of the European staff of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, arrived today at Malmo, Sweden. Beckelman, 34, is an American citizen. He expressed the hope that Isaac Giterman, former head of the American relief organization's Warsaw office, and Moses Orzech, correspondent of the New York Jewish Daily Forward, would soon be freed by the Nazis. All three were among passengers and crew disembarked at the German port of Swinemuende after the Estonia's capture by a Nazi warship.

POLISH ORGAN ARTICLE ON JEWS DRAWS PROTESTS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations have protested against an article in the newspaper Glos Polski, organ of the exiled Polish Government, in which Warsaw Jews were referred to as "Asiatics." The protest declared that the article, containing numerous anti-Jewish references, directly contradicted the official praise by Polish Cabinet members for Jewish heroism in Warsaw during the Nazi siege.

SCHOCKEN, SENATOR ON WAY HERE IN INTERESTS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Among passengers on the Conte di Savoia en route to New York are Zalman Schocken, chairman of the executive council of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Dr. Werner Senator, general secretary of the university. They are visiting the United States in the interests of the university.

NEW INDUSTRIES ARISE IN PALESTINE TO SUPPLY HOME MARKETS; CZECH EXILES ACTIVE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Despite the war-strained economic situation, new industries are being established in Palestine to supply home markets and to make use of the country's resources.

The latest enterprises to be launched include a factory for the manufacture of fine steel products under patented processes of Dr. Kliger, a Czech immigrant. Site of the factory is Emek Zebulon. Another factory, which will make vinegar from citrus products, will be established at Meged.



Czech Jews are establishing a fish curing plant at Haifa similar to plants already in existence at Nathania and Tel Aviv. A new leather goods factory has been set up at Tel Aviv by Czech Jews who hope to recapture foreign markets they formerly supplied from Czechoslovakia.

#### ECONOMIC HELP FOR PALESTINE SOUGHT BY HOOFIEN IN LONDON TALKS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- It was understood today that Siegfried Hoofien, director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, who left London on Friday, had discussed with Treasury and Colonial Office officials the amelioration of Palestine's economic position. He was said to have discussed the possibility of restoring financial arrangements cancelled after the outbreak of the war, such as the Tel Aviv municipal loan, various grants and subsidies for economic developments and also Government assistance to meet the present situation by aid along such lines as shipping, the scarcity of which has seriously affected Palestine citrus exportation.

#### MILLION FRANCS MONTHLY SEEN NEEDED TO AID EAST EUROPEAN JEWS IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- About 1,000,000 francs monthly is required to provide food and other necessities for East European Jews in Paris affected by the war, including more than 120 prominent painters, actors and journalists, it was disclosed today after a conference of the Jewish Coordinating Relief Committee. The committee was established by the Joint Distribution Committee to organize and supervise free kitchens and other relief for East European Jews in France. The J.D.C. subsidizes the committee's constituent organizations almost to the extent of 90 per cent of their budgets.

#### HONIG, ORT-OSE AGENT, TO STUDY REFUGEE FLIGHT IN LITHUANIA

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Camille R. Honig, special European representative of ORT-OSE, Jewish retraining and health organization, is leaving for Lithuania next week to study the Polish Jewish refugee situation and to report on it to London, Paris and New York headquarters of the organization.

Before his departure, Honig was received by Lithuanian Minister Balutis, with whom he discussed his mission and the work of the ORT-OSE. Balutis declared that there was no anti-Semitism in Lithuania and that the Lithuanian people were eager to help the refugees in their distress.

The minister pointed out, however, that while the Lithuanians were glad to do everything possible and the authorities were according lenient treatment to refugees without passports as well as others, the burden was too heavy for a small country like Lithuania. He therefore welcomed the assistance of Jewish relief organizations and praised the interest of American Jewry in the work. He said he would request the Lithuanian authorities to extend all facilities to Honig.

#### JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN NORTHWEST AUSTRALIA HAILED BY BRITISH MAGAZINE

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish settlement in Northwest Australia "now seems well on the way to being an accomplished fact," states the journal British Australia, predicting that within a few years Jews will have broad lands of their own in Australia in which "to live and multiply in freedom, safe from oppression and attack."