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### NAZIS THREATEN TO EXECUTE 1,000 WARSAW JEWS ON SLIGHTEST 'PROVOCATION'

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Execution of 1,000 Jews on the smallest further "Jewish provocation" was threatened by the Nazi authorities, it was reliably learned here today, following execution in Warsaw of 53 Jews accused of hiding a Jew who allegedly shot a Polish policeman.

A trustworthy source today related further dramatic details of the execution of the 53 Jews in the Nalewki quarter of Warsaw early this month. A German official statement explained that one Jacob Silbring had shot a Polish policeman and fired on two others without hitting them. Silbring, the German announcement said, then fled, following which 53 Jews were arrested, including temporary residents of houses at 9 and 11 Nalewki Street. All were brought to the Warsaw citadel.

The Nazis then summoned the board of the Jewish Community, the informant said, and imposed a "fine" of 300,000 zlotys (\$60,000 at pre-war rates) which was paid within three days. Afterwards the board was told that the Jewish prisoners had been executed on the first day of their detention. In conveying this information, the Nazis served warning that 1,000 Jews would be executed in the event of the smallest further "Jewish provocation."

Engineer Cherniakoff, head of the Jewish Community, then convoked a special meeting of the board, at which he proposed to call all families of the executed Jews to inform them of the death of their husbands, fathers and brothers, and to appoint a delegation to obtain the corpses for burial.

Cherniakoff, in calling the meeting, announced that all councillors who felt they were unable to witness the expected scene were at liberty to leave, whereupon all except Cherniakoff and one councillor left the room. When the relatives of the executed entered, Cherniakoff, in conveying the news of the execution, declared the names of the Jewish martyrs would remain forever engraved in the annals of the Warsaw Jewish Community. Indescribable scenes followed the announcement, the informant said. Women fainted, others tore their clothes and lamentations were heard throughout the street.

Among the executed temporary residents of 9 Nalewki Street were a rabbi of Minsk-Mazowiecki and a father and his two sons.

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The execution took place in the following manner: The condemned Jews were divided into three groups. The first group was ordered to dig their own graves. When they were shot, the second group buried them. Similarly, the third group buried the second. Before execution of the last group, the Nazi commander of the firing squad announced: "Since there are no more Jews to bury you, you will have the honor of being buried by German soldiers."

MANY SOVIET JEWS EXILED FOR ANTI-NAZI DEMONSTRATIONS, BRUSSELS HEARS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Moscow correspondent of the newspaper La Cite Nouvelle reports that thousands of Jews in Soviet Russia have demonstrated before official Soviet institutions asking for Soviet intervention in behalf of the Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland.

The correspondent declares that as a result of these demonstrations, which were the first of their kind under the Soviet regime, many Jews were arrested and a large number of them exiled to Siberia.

POLISH JEWISH LEADERS HELD BY NAZIS FOR RANSOM IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

PARIS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Nazis in Poland are arresting Jewish leaders and releasing them only after payment of stipulated sums of money in foreign currency by the local Jewish communities, it was reported here today.

In Lodz, members of the Jewish Community Executive were arrested about a month ago and later released. Some have been rearrested and sent to a jail in Radagosz, where the Nazi authorities have announced that their release can only be secured on payment of foreign currency.

Similarly, a group of Jews in Lodz who had arranged to leave for Palestine with the permission of the Nazi authorities, were detained at the last moment and were told they would not be permitted to leave before paying a certain amount of money in foreign currency. Lacking the funds, they were not able to emigrate.

The Nazis in Lodz are subjecting the Jews to a "war of nerves" by alternately telling them that they will not be sent to the Lublin Jewish "reservation" since Lodz is considered an integral part of Germany and next day warning them to leave Lodz before March 1, when expulsion of the Jews to Lublin will start.

Searching and plundering of Jewish homes in Lodz is continuing. Gestapo agents are seeking particularly Dr. Arjeh Tartakower, who is now in New York. His home in Lodz was ransacked by the Gestapo and his friends, including the laborite Zionist leaders Joseph Levy and Gershon Lichtenberg, have been arrested, as has been Leib Holenderski, a leader of the Left Poale-Zion, who was an alderman in Lodz for many years. The latter has been sent to the Oranienburg concentration camp near Berlin.

The Borochoy Hechalutz colony, Zionist training farm, in Lodz has been dissolved by the Gestapo. The buildings of the three Hebrew high schools in Lodz have been requisitioned.

On Nov. 11, according to Polish official quarters, the Nazis in Lodz forced the Jews to remove the monument to the Polish national hero Kosciuszko, compelling one group of Jews to dance in the square while the others took down the statue, and at the same time filming the scene. Jews who refused to participate in the demolition were executed, the Polish report said.

Poles have also been subjected to indignities in Lodz. Poles are segregated from Germans in hospitals. Some hospitals are reserved entirely for German patients and others have separate floors for Poles. In the Polish hospital on Narutowicz Street, Polish patients are treated on the first floor only, the others being for Germans.

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'Jewish-Polish Protectorate' Planned, Nazi Official Reveals

Paris, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Further details have reached Paris on Chancellor Hitler's new plan to convert Nazi Poland into a "Jewish-Polish protectorate." The details are contained in an article by Stefan Werner, Nazi Ministerial Councillor, which was published on Monday in the Neue Leipziger Nachrichten.

"The Reich does not want an alien people in its midst," Werner writes, "therefore it has decided that the territory in Poland adjacent to the Vistula River should be proclaimed a Jewish-Polish State under a Berlin protectorate."

Outlining this scheme, the Nazi official explains that certain parts of Nazi Poland will remain an integral part of the Reich, but the remainder of the territory which is situated between Cracow and Warsaw will be divided so that 80,000 square kilometers will be set aside as a "reservation" for approximately 20,000,000 Poles and more than 20,000 square kilometers in the Lublin district as a "reservation" in which all the Jews of Poland, Austria and Czechia will be concentrated. Both "reservations," comprising four districts, will constitute the "Jewish-Polish protectorate."

Two points in this plan as outlined by Werner are drawing special attention in Paris. The first is, that no mention is made as to whether the Reich Jews are intended for transfer to the Lublin "reservation." The second is, that when speaking of the proposed "protectorate," the Nazi official takes pains to refer to it as "Jewish-Polish," thus not only placing the Poles in the same category as the Jews but emphasizing the Jews as the first partner in the "protectorate."

The French press devotes special attention to the Lublin scheme, estimating that if it is carried out about 4,000,000 Jews will be squeezed into the 20,000 square kilometers of the district. "The painful problem is," the papers comment, "how these unfortunates will live. But happily the victory of the Allies will come before the Reich will be able to mass the 4,000,000 Jewish victims into Lublin."

Meanwhile, the Nazi newspaper Warschauer Zeitung, copies of which reached here today, reports that all the best stores in Cracow have been taken away from Jews and Poles and have been assigned to Germans.

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WEIZMANN STARTS ON TRIP TO U.S.; ASSURED OF STATUS QUO ON WHITE PAPER

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization, left London yesterday for a visit of several months in the United States. It was understood he would board the Pan-American Clipper at Lisbon on Dec. 29.

(Dr. Weizmann will stop off in Paris en route to Lisbon, Arthur Lourie, his personal representative, informed the J.T.A. in New York. Mr. Lourie, who arrived here ten days ago to prepare for Dr. Weizmann's visit, said Dr. Weizmann would proceed to Lisbon by easy stages and might possibly leave earlier than Dec. 29.

Dr. Weizmann departed after taking leave of Government officials, and utilizing his last opportunity for several months to discuss the Palestine situation with them. Fears that the Government might take some action regarding the Palestine White Paper were allayed by assurances from the highest quarters that no change in the status quo had been decided upon by the Government, which had agreed to consult the Opposition before taking any major steps.

While the Zionist leader naturally will thoroughly inform American Zionist leaders of all developments in the political situation, the principal purpose of his visit to America is to secure increased economic support for the Jewish homeland from the American Jews, both through the Zionist funds and through investment of American Jewish capital in Palestinian enterprises.

Stressing the gravity of the present situation, Dr. Weizmann is expected to seek to interest American Jewish capital in two developments with which he is intensely concerned:

- (1) Development of the pharmaceutical industry in Palestine, which Dr. Weizmann believes holds out excellent prospects, particularly because of the possibility of capturing German markets in the Near East;
- (2) Establishment of industries based on citrus by-products, one of the results of which would be the strengthening of citrus-growing, Palestine's largest industry.

(According to Jerusalem reports, Palestine scientists are working on a process for mass squeezing of oranges, producing juice which can be converted into alcohol and a residue useful as cattle fodder. It is also planned to use orange peel as a raw material for acetone, the explosive manufactured according to a process which Dr. Weizmann, who is a famous chemist, developed for Britain during the last war. Other contemplated by-product uses of citrus fruits are in manufacture of plastics, medicines and absorbents for use in gas masks.)

It is understood here that Dr. Weizmann also may take up organization questions, such as the position of American non-Zionists, and may seek to widen non-Zionist participation in the Jewish Agency.

Leaving London at the same time as Dr. Weizmann was Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department, who went by air to Palestine to confer with members of the Agency executive. He is returning to London in January.



MORE SPANISH REFUGEES LAND IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The 14,000-ton French armed liner De La Salle put into Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, yesterday and disembarked 770 Spanish refugees, the State Department was advised today. Another French liner, the Cuba, has left a French port and is due at the Dominican Republic with an approximately equal number.

Government officials here were perturbed by the news of the arrival of these additional refugees in the West Indian republic. It was pointed out that none of the German refugees whose colonization in the Dominican Republic was arranged under the aegis of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees has arrived there yet.

Failure of the Intergovernmental Committee's project to move forward more rapidly has also caused some apprehension in neutral states bordering Germany which are temporary havens for thousands of German refugees. These countries -- Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland -- had been encouraged to accept refugees on a temporary basis with the understanding that permanent homes would be found for them elsewhere.

The Dominican plan is considered the "test tube" of all future colonization in the Western Hemisphere, and the continued influx of Spanish refugees, it is feared here, may imperil the project.

ENVELOPES USED BY NAZIS FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Backs of envelopes sent abroad are being used by the Germans for anti-British and anti-Jewish propaganda, it was disclosed today.

Envelopes reaching Amsterdam are stamped with large yellow caricatures of British War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha examining conscripts. An accompanying inscription reads: "Great Britain is Israel. Abraham is the father of the British race. The Jew Hore-Belisha is a great man in Britain." Many of the letters thus stamped were addressed to Netherlands Jews.

'TROUBLEMAKERS' WARNED BY LaGUARDIA; 238 ARRESTS IN 6 MONTHS REPORTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- "The authorities will deal properly with any misguided troublemakers who, under the guise of free speech, slander or vilify peaceful groups residing in this city," declares Mayor LaGuardia in a letter to The Voice, organ of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights, featured on the front page of its issue appearing tomorrow.

New York City will remain free for all who wish to express their opinions, the Mayor asserts, laying down as a guiding policy that "both freedom of speech and the right of racial and religious minorities to be free from abuse are simultaneously recognized."

The letter, which came in reply to a request by Dr. Emmanuel Chapman, secretary of the Catholic committee, for Mayor LaGuardia's "emphatic views on current

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anti-Semitic disturbances," reports 238 cases of arrest or summons for anti-Semitic agitation in the past six months, of which 112 resulted in convictions.

"These cases have served to bring to light, in at least five instances, convictions for other crimes of some of the active participants at such meetings," the letter continues. "The police will continue to make arrests and issue summonses for any further violations of law."

The police have acted to space vendors of provocative newspapers apart on the streets, the Mayor reports, and have restricted the language which they may use to "a single announcement of the name and price of the periodical they sell." The letter continues:

"To guard against any possible breach of peace, street corner meetings of these groups have, from the outset, been adequately policed by details of from six to 25 officers, depending on the size of the gathering. At one recent large meeting, 59 officers were assigned.

"The total number attending all the meetings referred to in any one week has varied from 5,000 to 20,000. Although the average attendance is about 250 at a single meeting, it has varied from 50 to 5,000 at the largest meeting held thus far, at Innisfail Park on August 23, 1939.

"The picketing of radio stations and their commercial sponsors, at the outset, was accompanied by the use of provocative placards and shouted slogans. The police have limited the number of pickets, curbed undue noise, and restricted placards to a statement of the issue involved. On September 3, 1939, as part of the city's program in dealing with the local effects here of the war abroad, the pickets before one radio station were cut from 300 to four.

"Every report, every complaint which is received is subjected to strict check and careful scrutiny and appropriate action is taken. The action thus far taken by the police indicates the manner in which both freedom of speech and the right of racial and religious minorities to be free from abuse are simultaneously recognized.

"The City of New York will continue to remain free for all who wish to express their opinion, but the authorities will deal properly with any misguided troublemakers who, under the guise of free speech, slander or vilify peaceful groups residing in this city."

#### SUWALKI DISTRICT IN NAZI POLAND DEPOPULATED OF JEWS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The entire Suwalki district, in Nazi Poland, has been depopulated of Jews, it was learned here today.

Part of the population, driven into a no-man's-land, succeeded in entering Lithuania. Some fled to Soviet territory. An estimated 2,700 were transported to the Lublin Jewish "reservation."

It was learned that a High Commission, with Jewish, Polish and White Russian councillors, will be nominated in Wilno to supervise minority affairs. The Lithuanian Government has agreed in principle to subsidies for refugees in the amount of 50 per cent of sums supplied from abroad. It is estimated that the subsidies will total 250,000 lits monthly.

DRASTIC ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SLOVAK JEWS HELD UNFEASIBLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Cyrus L. Sulzberger declares in a Budapest dispatch to the New York Times that despite the Slovakian Government's anti-Jewish policy, "the impression received was that there was little real anti-Semitism among the Slovaks but that the idea was being encouraged by the Gestapo and the Hlinka Guards. For the moment it is economically impossible to try any such drastic measures as have been effected against the Jews in Germany."

JEWS AMONG GUESTS AT MOSCOW FETE TO GERMAN COLONY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The United Press reports from Moscow that at a ball given by the Soviet Society for Cultural Relations between the U.S.S.R. and Foreign Countries for the Germany colony, "Russians of Jewish parentage attended and were treated the same as other Russians by the Nazis. Among them was Sergei Eisenstein, leading Soviet cinema director, whose films are still banned in Germany, and several Soviet Jewish writers whose names are still on the German banned list."

POLISH REFUGEE GROUP SENDS GREETINGS TO J.D.C.

WILNO, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Association of Polish Refugee Writers, Journalists and Artists today sent greetings to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the occasion of its silver jubilee, wishing the organization "further fruitful work for humanity." The Association has received J.D.C. aid along with Jewish refugee groups.

POLISH GROUPS HERE DONATE \$40,000 TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Red Cross announced today that it has received \$40,000 additional contributions from Polish organizations in the United States.

PARIS PAPER LISTS JEWS CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH OF FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The newspaper L'Ordre is publishing a series of articles on the contribution of Jews toward development of France since the 17th century. Among other things, they point out that Jewish immigrants in that country introduced the sugar industry to France and that another Jew, Benjamin D'Acosta, was the first to establish cocoa plantations.

At the same time, other French newspapers publish photos showing the care taken by the French military forces in helping Jews remove Holy Scrolls from synagogues in the Frontier zones. One picture shows two Alsatian rabbis carrying Torahs into military vans while others show French officers personally assisting removal of other religious inventory from synagogues in the military zones.

LASKI QUILTS JEWISH AGENCY POST, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Neville Laski, attorney who recently resigned as president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was understood today also to have relinquished his membership in the administrative committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in line with his desire to withdraw from communal activities in order to devote himself to professional work.