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MANY JEWS SLAIN IN DAILY ARMS SEARCHES BY NAZIS; SADISM GIVEN FREE REIN

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22. (JTA).-- Wanton slaying of Jews by Nazi arms-searching parties in Warsaw and sadistic tormenting of others was charged today by a prominent Jewish social worker who recently escaped from Warsaw. His name cannot be revealed because his family is still in the former Polish capital.

The social worker told this correspondent that many Jews, including women, were being shot dead during daily searches for arms and valuables in Jewish houses. One Jewess, he charged, was slain because in turning over her jewels to the raiders she forgot to give up her wedding ring.

One well-authenticated incident, he related, concerns a Jewess whose flat was raided by soldiers under the command of a Gestapo agent. The agent, upon entering, ostentatiously placed his revolver on the table. The apartment was then searched. When no arms were found, the Gestapo man picked up his own revolver and, shouting "You Jew swine! you hid this revolver and now pretend it's mine," beat the woman on the head with the butt of the weapon and left her unconscious. Other Jewish women have been beaten up by the Nazis at the slightest sign of protest, the refugee declared.

Thousands of individual Nazis, the informant asserted, have been given free rein in treatment of Jews. They are not only not hampered by any prohibitive order but are encouraged to maltreat Jews, he said. The social worker cited the following example of the extent to which this freedom is being used by the Nazis:

"In the popular resort of Konstancin, 20 kilometers from Warsaw, German soldiers seized some 15 Jews at random on the street. One of the Jews was an acquaintance of mine, a well-known Warsaw physician.

"The soldiers ordered the Jews to line up with their faces to a wall. They then went through the usual routine preparatory to execution, shouting from time to time 'prepare yourselves for death.' This lasted for two hours. Several of the victims fainted and were revived by pails of cold water dashed into their faces.

"The prisoners later were ordered to dig their own graves on the shore of Lake Konstancin. When this was done, they were pushed into the lake and told to swim for their lives.

"After distributing the Jews' clothes to gaping Poles around the lake, the Nazis permitted the Jews to come out and ordered them to go home naked."

In contrast with such treatment, the social worker said, there were some examples of true chivalry on the part of some German soldiers. In one instance, he said, a German soldier entered a Jewish house one evening and, after apologizing for the panic he had created by his sudden entrance, put a loaf of bread and some butter on the table and withdrew with a friendly goodbye.

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Emigration Body Allowed to Reopen in Warsaw Offices

PARIS, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The intention of the German regime in Poland to permit Jewish emigration was indicated today when news was received here that the Nazi authorities in Warsaw have permitted the Jewish Emigration Society, known as JEAS, to reopen its headquarters in Warsaw, which were closed since the German occupation.

JEAS branches in other cities of Nazi Poland will apparently also be permitted to reopen in order to (1) advise Jews on emigration matters, (2) assist them in securing visas to overseas lands, (3) bring them into contact with relatives in the United States and other countries to obtain the necessary transportation costs in foreign currency.

With the reopening of the JEAS, tens of thousands of Jews in America may soon hear from their relatives in Poland to aid them in emigrating. It can be expected that Jewish central relief organizations in America will receive appeals from Jewish bodies in Poland for assistance on organizing mass Jewish emigration from Poland, as was done for Jews in Germany.

This will raise the question of whether foreign currency should be forwarded to Poland, since this would aid the Nazi regime. The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association in Paris, which was advised about the reopening of the JEAS, foresees possibilities for rescuing thousands of Jews from Nazi Poland if funds for this purpose are obtained. It is believed that a way can be found to have the steamship tickets sent from America or secured in neutral countries in Europe without having the money sent into Poland. The emigrants will then have their tickets awaiting them at the ports of embarkation, which are usually in the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium.

One of the problems which has arisen in connection with emigration from Poland is the securing of transit visas through European countries for prospective Palestine pioneers from Poland who have reached Lithuania.

The Nazis have virtually destroyed the Hechalutz (Palestine pioneering) movement in Poland, according to information reaching the central Hechalutz Organization in Lithuania, and have liquidated the hachshara (training) establishments in Lodz where hundreds were trained for work in Palestine.

Also dissolved are the Gordonia Jewish fishermen's colony near Gdynia, where Jewish youths were trained for the Palestine fishing industry; the Shomer Hatzair agricultural training colony in Czeszochowa and other Hechalutz institutions. There are still two Hechalutz centers unmolested -- one in Lodz and the other in Bendin.

Several hundred pioneer youths from Nazi Poland who trekked 400 kilometers to Lithuania, leaving behind seven who died on the way, are in a precarious position in Wilno, according to a report received in Paris.

36 PALESTINE YOUTHS GET 2-10 YEAR JAIL TERMS

ACRE, Palestine, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Thirty-eight young Jews were sentenced by a military court today to prison terms ranging from two to ten years for possession of explosives in violation of Palestine emergency regulations. The sentences followed a three-day mass trial.

Twenty-eight of the defendants received ten-year terms, six of them five-year sentences and the four girls among them, all of whom are 17 years old, got two-year terms. The youths were arrested in the fields near Rosh Pina on Nov. 19.

CAPTAIN OF CRUISER THAT RESCUED CREW OF SCUTTLED NAZI LINER A JEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Headlined "A Note to Hitler," the following editorial was published by the Washington Times-Herald today:

"The man who saved 577 of your sailors from death when they obeyed your order to scuttle the Nazi luxury liner, Columbus, is a Jew.

"His name is Harry A. Badt and he was born in Tyler, Texas, on Sept. 22, 1884. He commands the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa by commission from the Government of the United States to defend freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of movement for free people.

"Would any of your men on the Columbus have rescued Captain Badt had they found him where he found them?"

The German Embassy yesterday conveyed to the American Government the appreciation of the courtesies shown the crew of the Columbus by the United States cruiser and particularly by its commander, Capt. Badt.

DOMINICAN REFUGEE PACT TO BE SIGNED JAN. 15 IN CIUDAD TRUJILLO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A formal contract between the Dominican Republic and the American-organized Dominican Settlement Corporation, which is financing colonization of German refugees, will be signed at Ciudad Trujillo on Jan. 15, it was learned today.

The ceremonies will be attended by Paul van Zeeland, president of the Coordinating Foundation for Refugees; Robert Pell, State Department expert on refugees, representing the United States Government, and Stephen Morris, secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

Signing for the Dominican Republic will be ex-President Rafael L. Trujillo, commander of the Dominican Army. The Americans attending the ceremonies will sail from New York on Jan. 11.

Quick signing of the formal contract and swift action in beginning the settlement of refugees from Germany were believed to have been spurred by the influx of Spanish refugees from France into the Dominican Republic.

JEWISH ALIENS GIVEN 15 DAYS TO LEAVE BULGARIA

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Advices from Sofia said today that the Bulgarian police authorities have served 15-day deportation orders on Jews who no longer enjoy the protection of the governments in their countries of citizenship. German, Czech and Spanish Jews are reported to be chiefly affected.

The Jews ordered expelled will be permitted to take with them a maximum of 300 leva (about \$21). Many of them were born in Bulgaria but had retained the citizenship of their parents. Others have lived there from 40 to 50 years.

2 FRENCH INTERNMENT CENTERS LIQUIDATED; 239 REFUGEES TO EMIGRATE

PARIS, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Two internment centers for German refugees have been liquidated with the release of their 239 inmates for emigration overseas, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association announced today.

The refugees were escorted from France by representatives of the association to an English port from where they sailed to their destinations. Other groups of refugees were sent from Marseille on five Italian steamships to various Latin American countries.

French Sub Takes 8 Refugees Off Italian Liner

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Eight German refugees, all men of military age and all but one of them Jewish, were taken aboard a French submarine from the Italian liner Saturnia some 200 miles off the Azores, it was revealed here.

Bringing his ship into port yesterday afternoon with 750 refugees on board, Captain Antonio Iviani reported that a ninth refugee who had been selected by the submarine's commander for removal was saved by the pleas of his wife. The captain of the submarine, when asked why he was taking only eight of the refugee passengers, said he had no room for more.

The seized Jewish refugees are, according to the HIAS: Victor Stern, Meyer Werner, Kuplik, Schreckinger, Hortner, Weil, Bleiberg.

Official Report on Refugees Published in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- An official analysis of the position of the Jewish refugees in Belgium was published today by the Ministry of Justice in the form of a report to the Senate in connection with an allocation of 8,000,000 francs in the 1940 budget for refugee aid. This is the first official document of its kind published since the refugee problem developed in Belgium and is based on statistics and observations collected by the Justice Ministry.

Simultaneously, it was officially announced here that the Government is introducing a system of distinction between suspect foreigners and refugees which it is expected will be helpful to the status of the refugees. All having criminal records or concealing the fact that they entered Belgium illegally will be classed as suspect foreigners.

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A special commission will be set up to examine each case and determine the classification. All who are not classed as refugees will be automatically included in the category of suspect foreigners and will be given special cards. They will be interned in the Merxplas settlement.

In connection with the aliens problem, the Senate is establishing a committee to examine all applications for Belgian citizenship filed in the last ten years.

FOREIGN FIRMS COME UNDER SCOPE OF ANTI-JEWISH LAW, BUDAPEST RULES

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Hungarian anti-Jewish law, under which Jews are restricted to a six per cent ratio in employment and the professions, will be applied to foreign firms and nationals living in Hungary under a new ordinance promulgated here today.

Foreign firms henceforth will be required to submit a complete list of their employees together with certificates proving their non-Jewish origin. The Foreign Ministry will decide which foreign establishments are to be classed as Jewish.

Catholics Form Group to Aid Converts Hit by Law

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A movement to aid converted Jews affected by the Hungarian anti-Jewish law was launched here today by Count Gyula Zichy, Archbishop of Kalocsa. Two Hungarian Bishops of Jewish descent are among Catholics classed as Jews under the law.

The Archbishop announced formation of a committee of Catholics which, under his leadership, will work for the "moral and spiritual protection" of the converts affected by the anti-Semitic legislation. He issued an appeal for support of the committee, reminding Catholics that "love of one's neighbor and Catholic solidarity dictate that we shall not abandon our co-religionists and shall come to their aid in these grave hours of their life."

BLUM AIRED PALESTINE PROBLEMS IN LONDON TALKS WITH WEIZMANN

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Chronicle reports that ex-Premier Leon Blum of France conferred with Dr. Chaim Weizmann and other members of the World Zionist Executive during his visit to London last week. Blum, the weekly said, obtained information on the Zionist political situation and on the actual position in Palestine as affected by the war.

The French statesman, the Chronicle reported, expressed confidence that difficulties with regard to Palestine could be overcome with patience and mutual understanding. It is understood that Blum and other French statesmen are sympathetic to creation of a Jewish unit in the Allied armies, the magazine said.

AGENCY TO AID HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HIT BY WAR

HAIFA, Palestine, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has decided to extend financial aid to the Hebrew Technical High School here, it was learned today. The aid has been made necessary by the fact that students from Poland, because of the war, are no longer able to pay their school fees and new students expected from that country for the new term did not arrive. The student body has been reduced from 550 to 330.