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U.J.A. GIVES \$250,000 FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES; HALF IS MEMORIAL TO PIUS XI

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Allocation of \$250,000 for assistance to Christian refugees, half to be distributed by the Pope as a memorial to the late Pius XI in recognition of his "magnificent struggle" against racialism, was announced today by the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs.

The other half of the sum, assigned from funds raised in 1939 to meet the needs of Jewish relief and reconstruction agencies, will be contributed to Protestant agencies through Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Pointing out that the problem of the refugees was by no means a Jewish one but that it affected members of all faiths, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen of the U.J.A., declared in a statement that those responsible for the allocation of the funds for Jewish agencies felt that a portion of them should be reserved for distribution through Christian agencies to help victims of persecution without regard to race or religion.

The \$125,000 fund for Catholics will be presented to Pope Pius XII through Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago. In a letter to Bishop Sheil, the U.J.A. chairmen said that the Jewish people would never forget "the magnificent struggle" by Pope Pius XI "to combat the ungodly doctrine of racialism which strikes at the very roots of the religious faith of civilized men."

"They will always remember," the letter continued, "his unflagging efforts to vindicate the divine doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man which alone can bring peace on earth."

In communicating to Dr. Buttrick the decision of the U.J.A., the chairmen declared it was felt "appropriate and fitting that a fund of \$125,000 should be put at the disposal of the Protestant Churches of America as an acknowledgment on our part of the sympathy and support of the leaders of the Protestant Churches for all victims of religious and racial persecution."

Accepting the gift on behalf of the Pope, Bishop Sheil stated that in honoring the memory of Pius XI the Jews were paying tribute to a man who "denounced

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racial intolerance and hatred as contrary to the laws of God, to the dictates of right reason and to the welfare of civilization." While the Jewish people have suffered more perhaps than any other people from the actions of a "malign racialism," Bishop Sheil observed that the "painful problems growing out of this inhuman, ungodly fanaticism are by no means exclusively Jewish problems." These problems, he added, are of profound and vital concern to Catholics, Protestants and to men of good will everywhere.

Acknowledging the gift to the Protestant churches, Dr. Buttrick said that the "one sufficient answer to cruelty is a resolute compassion." "Your gift," he added, "is a clear token of good will. In its lighted imagination it will kindle many other lights across our present darkness until a new day shall break." Expressing the hope that the U.J.A.'s generous action would encourage men and women of every faith to make "prompt and compassionate provision for refugees of every faith," Dr. Buttrick declared that the refugee problem was "a primary American task and opportunity, in which you are giving splendid leadership." He added that the fact that the funds raised by the U.J.A. were inadequate to meet the needs of Jewish refugee relief organizations, made "your kindness to us a double kindness."

#### STARVATION FACES 35,000 LUBLIN JEWS AFTER 3-MONTH NAZI REIGN OF TERROR

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Eyewitness accounts of a Nazi reign of terror against the 35,000 Jewish residents of Lublin, hub of the "reservation," were related here today by reliable persons who have just arrived from the territory.

For more than three months the city's Jews were the victims of pogroms, systematic plunder and torture. Those of the regular residents still left in Lublin are stripped of all their worldly possessions and are doomed to starvation, the refugees said.

Twice the Nazi authorities imposed huge collective "fines" on the Jews. The first was for 500,000 zlotys (\$100,000 at pre-war rates). This later was reduced to 320,000 zlotys and collected in three days. The second "fine" was 300,000 zlotys in cash plus 500,000 zlotys worth of gold. This was imposed after a secret wireless station had been discovered in a Polish students' hostel. In this connection, also, six priests and 30 students of the Lublin Catholic university were executed.

All Jews, irrespective of their age or sex, were forced to wear on their overcoats a yellow Mogen David (Jewish star) ten square centimeters in size. Not a single trade or profession was left open to the Jews. Pogroms were repeatedly staged. Hundreds were subjected to torture, many dying of their wounds. Virtually every Jewish shop, house and apartment was stripped of fixtures, furniture and valuables.

Synagogues, including the famous Maharschalschul, were similarly plundered and used to accomodate deportees from other parts of Poland and the Reich who were being dumped into the "reservation." Jews living in non-Jewish sections of the city were evicted from their apartments on half an hour's notice. Their apartments were turned over to Poles evacuated by the Nazis from Silesia and Pomerania. The Jewish Community was ordered to register all Jews from the ages of 18 to 55. No reason for the registration was given.

The buildings of the famous Jewish religious college, Yeshivat Hahmei Lublin, were transformed into a barracks for Nazi storm troopers and a frightful torture chamber. Torture of Jews caught in the streets adjacent to the college was a daily occurrence. Not less than 60 per cent of the younger generation has fled from the city.

A similar reign of terror prevailed in the city of Chelm, second largest in the province, with a Jewish population of more than 25,000. All Jewish notables were arrested and a number of them, including the physicians Zuckerfein and Ochs, were shot. Pogroms and plundering of Jewish property were conducted repeatedly. On one cold December day, more than 2,000 Jews were rounded up in the market place and ordered to leave the city. They were driven to an unknown destination, reportedly the Soviet frontier. Many perished of torture and exhaustion.

### 30,000 Dumped in 'Reservation'

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- More than 30,000 Jews have been dumped into the Jewish "reservation" in the Lublin area of Nazi Poland, it was reported by newly arrived refugees from that territory. Of this number, 12,000 have come from the Old Reich, 3,000 from Austria, 4,000 from Bohemia-Moravia and 10,000 from Polish areas, including 7,000 from Kalisz, 2,000 from Sieradz, Koin, Kolo and Unijow, and 1,000 from the Suwalki region.

According to the arrivals, the "reservation" embraces the districts of Lublin, Chelm, Grubiezow and Wlodawa, but the majority of the deportees are brought to the city of Lublin. Each is allowed to have 25 marks and 25 kilograms of luggage. The deportees are put off the trains during the night. Often the trains are stopped in the fields between two stations and the passengers are ordered off and told to find their way, in the intense cold and darkness, to some settlement.

There is none to assist the deportees, no arrangements for their reception, no organized help of any kind, no housing accommodations and no food stations. The completely ruined and plundered Jewish community of Lublin is unable to do anything for the new arrivals.

The more fortunate of the deportees are taken into congested Jewish flats, which frequently shelter as many as ten families. There is no bedding. Hundreds sleep in synagogues where no services have been held for more than three months.

### Nazis Order Jews to Quit Czechia by End of 1940

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- French newspapers reported today that some 70,000 Jews in the Nazi "protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia face expulsion, probably to the Lublin "reservation," under an edict ordering all Jews up to the age of 60 to leave before the end of 1940.

Hints that such an order was in preparation were contained last week in the Nazi press in Prague, which had published articles demanding expulsion of all Jews on the grounds that they were responsible for the widespread anti-Nazi whispering campaign.

Deportation of Jews to the Lublin region of Nazi Poland had been temporarily suspended in the last few weeks, reportedly because of a sharp division of opinion

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on the matter between the Gestapo and the military authorities. However, with the beginning of 1940, the deportations to Lublin are certain to be resumed since it has been reliably learned that the Gestapo has succeeded in getting the upper hand in the controversy.

### Expulsion From Lodz Ordered

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Expulsion of Jews from Lodz, Poland, has been ordered, it was reported today. No details were available.

The German authorities have officially announced discontinuance of mail deliveries from abroad to persons in the occupied territory. Mail will continue to be delivered, however, in areas annexed by the Reich.

Because of continued illegal immigration, further rigorous measures are reported to have been introduced in Soviet areas. They include three-year prison terms for refugees caught crossing the frontier. Polish currency will be invalid starting January 1 in the Soviet territory. The measure will further aggravate the position of refugees there.

### Once Wealthy Zgiersz Jews Reduced to Beggary

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Their textile factories and shops taken over by Nazi commissars, Jews in the city of Zgiersz, near Lodz, have been reduced to beggary, it was reported here today by a refugee who succeeded in escaping from the German-occupied territory.

The refugee revealed that several Jewish residents of the city who had offered resistance to the Nazis had been murdered. One named Zisman was buried alive, he said. A youth named Kalinski was shot dead. Several others were reportedly tortured to death during forced labor.

Two synagogues have been burned down in the city. Jews are forced to sing while engaged in arduous forced tasks. Others are made to shout such anti-Semitic slogans as, "The Jews are guilty of the war."

The Jewish community of Szgiersz, an industrial center, was at one time regarded as among the wealthiest in Poland.

### RECORD EXODUS FROM REICH TERRITORIES PREDICTED FOR 1940

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish exodus from the Reich and Nazi-occupied territories will reach record proportions in 1940, it was predicted today by central Jewish relief organizations here. The prediction, based on year-end reports from various relief committees in central and eastern Europe, is predicated on the belief that the Nazis will permit emigration and continue to stimulate it by one means or another.

With only 185,000 Jews left in the Old Reich of the more than half million at the time of Chancellor Hitler's accession, and little more than that in former Czechoslovakia and Austria together, the focal point of the emigration problem will be the approximately 1,250,000 Jews in Nazi Poland.

Efforts of individuals and collective American Jewish relief organizations, it is expected, will be directed largely toward effecting the rescue of as many of these as is feasible. Although the hopes of many who have relatives in the United States will be focused on emigration to that country, the exodus in that direction will be comparatively small since the American immigration quota for Poland totals only about 5,000 per year.

Important roles, it is hoped, will be played in the exodus by Palestine and other overseas countries, including those territories which the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee may succeed in opening for refugee settlement.

In this connection, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association has just completed a report on the emigration possibilities of more than 11,000 Jews who succeeded in escaping from Nazi Poland to Lithuania. The report, submitted by the group's Wilno office, states that several thousand of the refugees are daily besieging its headquarters and the American and British consulates in efforts to register for overseas emigration, chiefly to Palestine and the United States, where many of them have relatives.

Among this group are refugees who long ago were registered for American visas at the Warsaw American consulate prior to the Nazi occupation. Some hold American visas granted to them before the occupation. Cooperating with the HIAS-ICA representatives, the American consul in Kaunas is contacting the consulate in Warsaw in an effort to have transferred to the Lithuanian capital all the cases of those who had applied for visas prior to the Nazi conquest.

About 1,200 of the refugees have good prospects of obtaining Palestine immigration certificates. Some have their visas all but ready and are only awaiting transit visas enabling them to proceed to Palestine by way of Odessa. Others have already received visas for Mexico, the Philippines, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia, Australia and South Africa. In addition there are 77 Czech refugees who will be permitted to enter England, and 30 Jewish doctors who have received permits to enter France.

The British Consulate is trying to be helpful in every way possible. While the Red Cross and an interdenominational relief committee are assisting the refugees financially, the British Consulate is issuing passports for emigration to foreign countries if they can prove that they are Polish citizens.

Despite the most liberal treatment by the Lithuanian authorities, HIAS-ICA representatives in Wilno nevertheless emphasize in their report that there are no chances whatsoever for any of the refugees to remain in Lithuania for permanent settlement. "They must all be considered potential emigrants," the report states, "as they will all have to leave Lithuania sooner or later, and there is no possibility for them to get any work."

#### Broader Emigration Aid Urged by HIAS Parley

KAUNAS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Baltic leaders of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society held their first meeting today since the incorporation of Wilno into Lithuania.

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After hearing a report on Polish Jewry's catastrophe, delivered by Mendel Mozes, J.T.A. correspondent acting in his capacity as a member of the Polish HIAS presidency, the conference adopted a resolution urging the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association to provide wider emigration facilities. In other resolutions the conference asked that some immigration permits be reserved for the most urgent cases, urged establishment of a large emigration fund and suggested intervention with the American Government to increase the Polish quota since emigration from Polish areas now held by the Soviet Union is impossible.

#### NEW HIAS OFFICE OPENED IN MIAMI

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Establishment of a new office in Miami was announced today by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Executive Director Isaac L. Asofsky said the office was made necessary by the fact that a considerable number of refugees in Cuba are nearing the point when they will receive American visas under the quotas of their respective countries of origin.

#### VATICAN 'YELLOW BOOK' TELLS OF AID TO 'NON-ARYAN' CATHOLICS

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Rome dispatches said that the Vatican has secretly issued a "Yellow Book" which deals, among other things, with Reich relations and Papal help to "non-Aryans." The document records Brazil's acceptance of 3,000 "non-Aryan" Catholics early this year as homage to Pope Pius XII following his election.

#### END OF 'JEWISH CAPITALIST WORLD' PREDICTED BY HITLER IN NEW YEAR PROCLAMATION

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A prediction that the "Jewish capitalist world will not survive the twentieth century" was contained in Chancellor Hitler's New Year proclamation to the Nazi party.

In other attacks on the Jews, Hitler said: "One thing we all recognize is that the Jewish capitalistic world enemy who faces us knows only one aim, namely, to destroy the German people. . . . But the Jewish reactionary warmongers in the capitalistic democracies have awaited this hour for years. They had prepared and were unwilling to cancel their plans for destruction of Germany. These warmongers want war. They shall have it."

#### 600 REICH REFUGEES, SHOUTING ANTI-HITLER SLOGANS, SAIL TO JOIN FOREIGN LEGION

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Shouting "Down with Hitler!" a first group of 600 Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria, garbed in full military uniform, embarked Friday from a French port for Algiers as Foreign Legion volunteers to receive military training as a preliminary to joining French forces on the front. Thousands more of the refugees who have volunteered for Foreign Legion service expect to sail for training in Algiers within the next few weeks.

Simultaneously, 300 Czechoslovak Jews reached France from Palestine to join the Czech Legion here.

Among those who embarked for Algiers and among those arriving here from Palestine were many physicians, lawyers and other intellectuals who emigrated from

Germany. Some of the latter were trained officers in the Czech Army, while others wore a uniform for the first time in their lives.

The group which left for Algiers obtained their release from alien internment centers by volunteering for Foreign Legion service. They all looked cheerful when they appeared in headquarters of the Jewish Refugee Committee to bid farewell to committee officials and to thank them for the committee's assistance while in France. French evening newspapers voiced praise of the refugee volunteers.

#### NAZIS REPORTED USING JEWISH AGENTS TO SPUR EXPORT TRADE

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Paris Soir reports that Germany, in order to revive falling exports to the United States and Scandinavian countries, had begun sending Jewish commercial representatives to these countries. Their passports, the report said, were stamped with the letters W.W.J., meaning Wirtschaftlich Wertvoller Jude, or Economically Valuable Jew, signifying to the Gestapo that they were not to be molested within the Reich or on the frontier.

#### ITALY TO EASE ANTI-SEMITIC LAWS IN 1940, FRENCH WRITER PREDICTS

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Partial revocation of anti-Semitic legislation in Italy is foreseen as a possibility in 1940 by Mme. Genevieve Tabouis, noted French journalist.

Writing in the newspaper L'Oeuvre, Mme. Tabouis points out that a marked change has been observed recently in Premier Mussolini's anti-Jewish policy and that anti-Semitic propaganda has virtually disappeared from the Italian press. The absence of anti-Jewish agitation, Mme. Tabouis states, is partially traceable to the removal of Dino Alfieri as Propaganda Minister and his assignment as Il Duce's representative to the Vatican.

#### PALESTINE ENTERS NEW YEAR AT PEACE BUT IN GRIP OF ECONOMIC READJUSTMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- As a result of the European war, paradoxically, Palestine is entering the new year enjoying comparative peace but in the throes of an economic readjustment.

The readjustment is particularly affecting the Jewish community, whose hopes at this time are centered in assistance by American Jewry and industrial development stimulated by wartime orders, notably for products which eastern countries formerly obtained from Germany.

Fifty-two new factories were established in the year just ended, while 39 others doubled their production. An indication of the industrial activity is seen in the 50 per cent rise in the consumption of electricity, which totalled 30,000,000 kilowatt hours. The economic depression during the year was caused primarily by the cutting off of the influx of Jewish capital, which is reflected in the lower bank deposits, and secondarily by the halving of citrus exports.

Despite the poor economic conditions, a record number of new settlements were established in 1939. Nineteen in all were founded, of which 12 were set up

on Jewish National Fund land and seven on that of the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association (PICA). The J.N.F. colonies represented an investment of £360,000. A total of 59,000 dunams (10,000 acres) of land were acquired by the J.N.F. during the year.

The J.N.F., which marked its 38th anniversary yesterday, announced that its Palestine holdings total 484,000 dunams (97,000 acres). Two new settlements will shortly be established on J.N.F. land in the Huleh region of northern Palestine. It was announced.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine estimates that the Jewish population totals 475,000, or 31 per cent of the total. It reports that 17,000 immigrants holding certificates entered Palestine in 1939, in addition to 9,000 who came as refugees. The year's natural increase totalled 8,000.

Prior to the outbreak of the war, unofficial estimates put the total killed in the disorders at 785. This figure includes 111 Jews, 355 Arab civilians and police, 277 brigands and 39 Britons. Wounded totalled 859, including 245 Jews 520 Arabs and 89 Britons. There have been no Jewish victims since the war began.

#### PALESTINE JEWS SET TO RUSH AID TO TURKISH 'QUAKE VICTIMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations prepared today to rush emergency aid to the earthquake and flood areas of Turkey.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine, Hadassah and the Mogen David (Jewish Red Cross) are sending medicines, physicians and an ambulance. Meanwhile, the Agency conveyed the sympathies of the Palestine Jewish Community to the Turkish Consul General.

#### JAP SHIP UNLOADS 450 TONS OF GOODS IN TEL AVIV; FIRST UNDER NEW PACT

TEL AVIV, Jan 1. (JTA) -- The first Japanese ship to arrive in Tel Aviv harbor under a new arrangement with the Japanese Navigation Company providing for regular calls here today unloaded 450 tons of goods.

#### NEW ROAD, NEARLY COMPLETED, WILL CUT PALESTINE-CAIRO TRIP TO 5 HOURS

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Palestine will be only five hours by motor road from Cairo when the last 20 miles of the new 140-mile asphalt highway in the western part of the Sinai desert to Ismailia is completed, the London Times reports. Twelve hundred men have been busy all summer laying, at the rate of a mile a day, a black ribbon of asphalt over the sand dunes and stony desert. The new road will replace the rough dry-weather track.

#### JUSTICE FRANKFURTER HONORED BY COLLEGE FRATERNITY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Justice Felix Frankfurter today received the national service award of Phi Epsilon Pi, Jewish college fraternity, for having made the outstanding contribution to Jewish life in 1939. The award was presented in the Justice's home.