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NAZIS ORDER POLISH JEWS TO DECLARE PROPERTY; TYPHUS DEATHS MOUNT IN WARSAW

PARIS, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Poland have ordered Jews owning more than 2,000 zlotys in cash and property to declare all possessions by Jan. 19, it was reliably reported today.

The decree, climaxing the confiscation of Jewish property through collective fines and expropriation of Jewish businesses, was interpreted as foreshadowing the final pauperization of the Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Included in the inventory which Jews must declare are all household goods, furniture, silverware, clothing and movable possessions. The measure was apparently prompted by the fact that Germans repatriated from Baltic countries who were being moved into Poland were arriving without household goods and clothing reserves.

The French radio yesterday broadcast a report quoting the Berlin correspondent of a Dutch newspaper who described persecution of Jews in Poland and asked: "Why is not the world taking any cognizance of the plight of the Jews in Poland?"

A report received by the J.T.A. correspondent from Nazi Poland said that confiscation of Jewish property was proceeding at a rapid pace, with the Jews denying recourse to the courts.

It was also declared that mortalities from typhus were mounting among Warsaw Jews. The Warsaw Jewish hospital now has 1,200 typhus cases. During November alone 800 Jews in the former Polish capital died of the disease. The Jewish hospital lacks sufficient medical supplies and is unable to provide adequate treatment. In some Jewish sections, where typhus is particularly prevalent, signs have been posted reading: "German soldiers prohibited from entering this street because of typhus among the Jews."

(The typhus epidemic has resulted in a "great number of dead among the Polish population," it was reported by Sonia Tomara in a Bucharest dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune. Refugees from Poland were quoted as reporting a grave fuel shortage in Warsaw, Cracow, Lwow and other cities, with typhus resulting from an intense cold wave.)

Seizure of Jews on many streets for forced labor is continuing in Warsaw, according to the report, despite the Jewish community's having agreed to furnish 2,000 Jewish laborers daily to the Gestapo for street cleaning and other forms of labor. A delegation of the Jewish community has appealed to the Gestapo to halt the seizure of Jews and has offered to supply voluntarily a large number of Jewish laborers.

The 2,000 now supplied to the Gestapo include former merchants, intellectuals, artisans and workers. The community requires 5,000 zlotys daily to feed them, which sum is becoming increasingly harder to obtain. It was said that funds from abroad were urgently required and the situation would become critical in the Spring, when streets now covered with snow would have to be cleaned.

Jews Liable to Two Years' Forced Labor

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- All Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland are liable to two years of forced labor under a decree issued by Dr. Frank, German Governor-General for Poland, in Cracow, according to advices reaching here today.

STATE DEPARTMENT PLANS STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The State Department, it was believed today, will issue on Monday a formal statement on the situation in Poland based on reports from the American consular office in Warsaw and reports from neutral countries to which refugees from Poland have fled.

Department officials were deluged with inquiries concerning Nazi atrocities in Poland as reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency following mention of a blackout of information from Poland in General Hugh S. Johnson's syndicated column yesterday.

The Department's attitude, it was learned, is likely to be that while reports of these atrocities have been received from European diplomatic outposts, few if any of the accounts have come from "unprejudiced sources."

The State Department has often pointed out, in reply to requests for confirmation of reports of atrocities which have seeped out through the Nazi censorship, that it has only one consular representative in Poland, who is in Warsaw and cannot leave that city for other parts of Poland. It is believed that the Department would regard as coming from a "prejudiced source" any information not personally vouched for by the consul.

SHIP CARRYING RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR WILNO REFUGEES TORPEDOED IN BALTIC

KAUNAS, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Estonian steamer Estonia has been torpedoed in the Baltic with a cargo of 110 cases of clothing, shoes and other supplies shipped from the United States to refugees in Wilno, it was reported here today. The ship last month had been seized by a Nazi warship while transporting Polish refugees, all of whom were interned at Swinemunde.

Meanwhile, the Swedish Airways announced that no Polish passengers of military age, between 18 and 50, will be taken on the Riga-Stockholm route. Since the shipping lines also are not accepting Polish passengers, Poles will be unable to leave the Baltic area for western Europe.

CONGRESS HAS OVER 100 BILLS ON IMMIGRATION; FIGHT LOOMS ON REYNOLDS MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Congress has before it at this session an unprecedented number of bills dealing with immigration, and Chairman Samuel Dickstein of the House Immigration Committee today scheduled an organization meeting of his committee for next Wednesday.

The latest bill to be thrust into the hopper came from Representative James Seccombe, Ohio Republican, who asked that the Government halt all immigration for duration of the European war.

Meanwhile, the Senate awaited a battle on the bill introduced by Senator Robert R. Reynolds, North Carolina Democrat, and approved by the Senate Immigration Committee after amendments had removed some of its harsher features. As amended, the Reynolds bill would kill quota immigration to this country for a period of five years.

It was learned today that Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York Democrat, will conduct a fight to the finish against passage of this measure, even though it includes a "scop" to the New York Senator in allowing 30,000 German refugee children to enter the country within the next two fiscal years. The Wagner refugee bill, now tied up in Senate red-tape, would allow entry of these children in addition to quota immigration.

The more than 100 bills now before the House committee run the gamut from an act introduced by Stephen Pace, Georgia Democrat, which would deny admittance to United States of all immigrants and would deport all aliens, to a bill by Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, which would "assure to certain aliens asylum within the United States" by making visitors' visas permanent under certain conditions.

BRITAIN EXTENDS STAY OF ALIENS ON TEMPORARY PERMITS

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Aliens who landed in the United Kingdom before outbreak of the war and got permission to stay for a limited period may now remain indefinitely, under an order signed by Home Secretary Sir John Anderson.

The Daily Herald, commenting on the Lublin Jewish "reservation" in Nazi Poland, declares that "any other country in the world would be ashamed to treat animals as Hitler treats his fellow men." The paper adds: "It is Hitler and his associates, who bear the guilt for these infamies--guilt a thousand-fold blacker than that of common murderers who, in this country, we still judge worthy of death."

WEIZMANN ARRIVES HERE; WILL SPEAK IN MANY COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization, arrived here this evening on the Italian liner Rex for an extended tour of America with the purpose of rallying increased economic support of the Jewish homeland. He is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Vera Weizmann, an honorary president of the Women's international Zionist Organization.

(Dr. Weizmann's arrival came too late for publication of an interview in this issue of the JTA NEWS.)

Meetings to be addressed by Dr. Weizmann have been arranged in many communities throughout the country. His first formal speech will be made next Tuesday evening at a rally in Mecca Temple sponsored by the American Emergency Committee for Palestine Affairs, and he will speak also the following evening at a dinner arranged by the American Friends of the Hebrew University in the Hotel Astor.

Dr. Weizmann had planned to come to the United States from Lisbon by Pan-American Clipper but was prevented from doing so by adverse weather conditions.

NOTED SCHOLARS FORM BODY TO SET UP WORLD SCIENCE ACADEMY IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Establishment of a committee to set up an International Academy for Science at Jerusalem was announced today by Prof. Franz Boas, the noted anthropologist, and Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky, Palestine scholar and editor of Scripta Academica. Initial meeting of the committee, which comprises leading scholars and scientists of all faiths, was held at Columbia University this afternoon under the chairmanship of Dr. Boas. Speakers included Dr. Boas and Dr. Velikovsky.

Committee members include Dr. Cyrus Adler, Prof. Max Ascoli, Prof. Albert Einstein, Prof. Abraham Flexner, Prof. Simon Flexner, Prof. Enrico Fermi, Prof. Otto Loewi, Prof. L. Michaelis, Prof. G. Stern, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Prof. Hermann Weyl, Prof. Harry A. Wolfson and others.

One of the aims of the proposed Academy, as outlined in a statement by Prof. Boas, is to give "help and new inspiration" to scientists expelled from central and southern Europe because of their descent or political convictions. Establishment of the Academy was proposed by a group of Palestine scholars, under the leadership of Dr. Velikovsky and with the support of Dr. Weizmann.

BRITISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES ASKS BOOKS FOR JEWISH SOLDIERS

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Defence Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews today issued an appeal for the sending of books and parcels, including books of specifically Jewish interest, for the use of Jewish soldiers in overseas hospitals and camps.

MASARYK URGES AID IN RESCUING CHILDREN FROM REICH

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Aid in rescuing children "from the inferno of that madman" was urged today by Jan Masaryk, former Czech Minister to London, at the opening of the film "There Is Life for Thy Children," sponsored by the Women's Appeal Committee for Jewish Women and Children.

Mrs. Israel Sieff, chairman of the committee, revealed that 300 children had been brought out of Germany and sent to Palestine since outbreak of the war. She said 500 others were being trained in England.

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2,000 REFUGEES MAROONED 2 MONTHS IN RUMANIAN PORT

BUCHAREST, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders are trying to obtain aid for 2,000 refugees marooned for the past two months in the port of Sulina on ships where they are suffering hunger and cold. The refugees were reported to have been victimized by unscrupulous organizations.

Meanwhile, the Y.M.C.A. mission here, after a visit by Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader, has allocated new funds and clothing for the relief of refugees from Poland.

CANADA TIGHTENS LAWS ON SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

OTTAWA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Cabinet Council today announced far-reaching amendments to the Defence of Canada regulations for the purpose of curtailing subversive movements and organizations of all kinds, including Nazis and Communists, during wartime.

The major change provides that officers of subversive organizations will be held personally responsible for any breach of regulations by the association with which they are connected. On conviction by a court as an "illegal organization," a Nazi, Communist or other association can be wiped out completely, once the organization or its officers are proved to have violated the defence regulations.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL BACKS ROOSEVELT PEACE MOVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, combining Conservative, Orthodox and Reform groups, has announced support of President Roosevelt's moves for peace through organization of religious forces. A statement hailed "the President's recognition of the place of religion in preparing for peace that must come betimes if the moral values of our civilization are not to go down in ruins," and thanked the President "for his efforts to bring together the great religions in joint dedication for strengthening the influences of religion and righteousness which alone can give hope of world recovery."

CONCILIATION COURT HANDLED 552 CASES IN PAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish Conciliation Court of America reported today, following its annual meeting on Wednesday, that it handled 552 cases of disputes between Jewish groups during 1939, of which 25 per cent were settled by the parties involved on being invited to hearings and another substantial number disposed of through the assistance of Louis Richman, executive secretary.

GARMENT WORKERS' UNION GIVES \$100,000 CHECK TO U.J.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Checks for \$100,000 to the United Jewish Appeal and \$10,000 to the Jewish Labor Committee, part of \$235,000 for refugees allocated by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, were presented to these two organizations today by David Dubinsky, president of the I.L.G.W.U., it was announced by the United Jewish Appeal.