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### RED CROSS, BLOCKED IN EFFORTS AT SUPERVISION, THREATENS TO HALT POLISH RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross must either obtain a supplementary agreement with the German Government for distribution of relief in Nazi-occupied Poland or it will withdraw entirely its offers of relief in the territory, it was learned today.

The German authorities have refused to allow James T. Nicholson, Red Cross representative abroad, to enter Poland for anything more than a brief visit. The Red Cross until now had continued to pour relief into Poland on the supposition that Nicholson would supervise distribution of American-purchased supplies from Cracow.

Some supplies sent from America, which arrived in Italy on the Italian liner Vulcania and were transhipped to Cracow, were distributed without American supervision, the Red Cross was informed today. Other supplies are now en route to Cracow despite the fact that the Nazis are blocking Nicholson's attempts to reach that city.

The Red Cross said negotiations for a supplementary agreement were still proceeding.

The original Red Cross agreement with the German Government, concluded when the Nazis gave assurances that distribution of relief would be on a non-sectarian basis, provided for long-range American supervision. Red Cross medical supplies and clothing, under the compact, were to be distributed by the German Red Cross through local Polish and Jewish organizations, with American Red Cross agents permitted to make periodic supervisory trips to distribution centers.

The American Quaker relief efforts have been blocked by the Nazi Government, which has insisted on entering an arrangement similar to that with the Red Cross. The Quakers, however, who are representing the American Commission for Polish Relief, have been adamant in refusing to initiate relief unless American supervision on the spot is permitted. Quaker leader Clarence E. Pickett recently characterized the relief situation in Poland as a "rotten mess."

### REDS UNITE WITH NAZIS ON ANTI-RELIGION DRIVE BUT BAR RACIALISM

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Soviet Russia will join Germany in a united front for liquidation of religion, but will not accept the Nazi racial principles, a recent plenary session in Moscow of the Central Committee of the Komsomol, Communist youth organization, was advised by its general secretary, H.H. Mikhailov, according to Soviet newspapers reaching Paris today.

The Soviet papers also revealed that leading Ukrainian political figures in Soviet-occupied Galicia had forwarded to Moscow a proposal to transport the half million Jews of that territory to the autonomous Jewish region of Biro-Bidjan in Soviet Siberia. The Soviet Government's attitude towards the proposal was not revealed, however.

The discussion of racial and religious policy at the Komsomol session developed, according to accounts in the Soviet papers, when Mikhailov reported that as a result of the Soviet-German pact arrangements had also been completed between Moscow and Berlin for the creation of a united front to combat religion and for exchange of information on the subject.

One of the participants in the session asked: "Does this mean that the Nazi views on the Jewish question are acceptable by our party?" Mikhailov replied: "Our cooperation with Germany on the anti-religion front will have its limitations. The Soviets conduct their fight against religion on the basis of materialistic principles only and not on a racial basis. We reject the racial principles and this automatically excludes the possibility of coordination of our activities with those of the Reich in questions concerning the Jews."

Mikhailov then went on to state that the Soviet-German pact provided for the complete reorganization of the anti-religious program, retaining atheist propaganda in the hands of the "Bezbozhnik" (godless) organization and carrying out concrete anti-religious plans through "other organizations," apparently German.

Meanwhile, information reaching Paris from Protestant Church sources in Switzerland said that Rudolf Hess, Chancellor Adolf Hitler's deputy in the Nazi Party, had issued an order for the translation of Soviet anti-religious literature into German and its publication as soon as possible.

The text of an anti-religious program worked out by the Bezbozhnik organization in Moscow for Soviet-occupied Poland reached Paris. It provides, among other things, for the closing down of all churches and synagogues in the territory and confiscation of their property.

#### PRESENCE OF NAZI TROOPS ON BORDER SPURS RESURGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUMANIA

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- French newspapers reported tonight that the arrival of German troops at the Rumanian frontier through Soviet Poland had resulted in a resurgence of anti-Semitic activity in Rumania.

(At the same time, a Royal decree issued in Bucharest named Prof. Alexander Vaida-Voevod, former Premier and a leading anti-Semite, as president of the Front of National Rebirth, Rumania's only political party.)

Anti-Semitic elements in Rumania were quoted as declaring: "One of the advantages of the new situation will be that the Jewish question, which had been tormenting for some time, will now be solved once and for all."

What Jews in Rumania were said to fear most was possible revival of the Iron Guard, suppressed pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic organization, which has been lying low since the execution of its leader, Corneliu Zelea Codreanu. Chancellor Hitler is believed to be anxious to have the Iron Guard come to life again as a factor in forcing Rumania toward a pro-German alignment.

BRITAIN SEEN READY TO SCRAP WHITE PAPER IF ARABS, JEWS MAKE PACT

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The British Government would consider scrapping the Palestine White Paper if the Arabs and Jews would come together and reach an understanding, it was authoritatively declared here today.

It was stated, however, that the Government was unable to accept proposals to suspend the White Paper for the duration of the war, or at least for a year, as had been proposed to the Government on the ground that the situation was greatly altered since the Palestine policy was propounded and different conditions prevailed today.

Meanwhile, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, receiving a delegation of the orthodox Agudath Israel, expressed sympathy with the plight of Jewish refugees from Poland, declared that he was now discussing with Palestine High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael the question of forthcoming immigration schedules, and indicated that immigration certificates would be reserved for Jewish leaders and rabbis.

The delegation, including Jacob Rosenheim and H.A. Goodman, called on the Colonial Secretary to discuss the Agudath Israel's proposals regarding immigration to Palestine of Jewish leaders and rabbis from Poland now in exile in neighboring countries. The delegation described the Palestine situation since the outbreak of the war, particularly in regard to the White Paper and the question of immigration.

In Commons, MacDonald, replying to a question put by Geoffrey Mandel, Liberal stated that the situation in Palestine was continuing to improve. He reported that 31,042 Jews immigrated legally to Palestine between October and December, 1939, under the April-September quota because they were unable to reach the Holy Land earlier. In addition, 459 Jews entered illegally by sea and possibly some others entered undetected. There was no question of refusing admission to the immigrants, he added.

The journal Palestine declares in an article that Britain must lead the way to fidelity in keeping promises and toward the rescue of victims of cruelty if she is to be the chief architect of a new post-war world based on justice and truth. The article declares that Britain accepted the Palestine mandate with the idea that Palestine would become a predominantly Jewish state. Referring to the recent address of Alfred Duff Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty, to a Zionist conference in Washington, the journal demands that pledges to the Jews be "fully and generously fulfilled" and immigration assisted and encouraged. "The horrors happening in Poland day after day justify this claim," it asserts.

MacMichael Pledges Aid to Citrus Growers

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- High Commissioner MacMichael today promised Government aid for Palestine's stricken citrus industry to a joint delegation of Arab and Jewish growers.

The High Commissioner said he would submit to the Treasury detailed plans for loans to citrus growers and a moratorium on debts, would seek means to increase the number of vessels available for exporting citrus and would consult the Colonial Office on the advisability of sending an Arab-Jewish delegation to London.

The delegation, headed by Zvi Butkovsky, asked a Government loan of L5 per cultivated dunam and the lifting of the United Kingdom's duty on Palestinian citrus. The delegation was named at a recent joint meeting of Arab and Jewish citrus growers at Petach Tikvah.

Meanwhile, a scheduled plenary meeting of the Jewish National Council was postponed because of President Pinchas Rutenberg's last-minute negotiations to induce the Jewish Farmers' Association and the Zionist-Revisionists to accept a settlement of labor problems.

#### LEIPZIG JEWISH HOSPITAL TAKEN OVER FOR WOUNDED TROOPS; STAFF, PATIENTS EJECTED

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- To make room for wounded German troops, the Nazi authorities have confiscated the Jewish Hospital at Leipzig and ejected its Jewish staff and patients, it was learned today from the German newspaper Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten.

"The increased need of hospital beds for wounded German soldiers," the newspaper reports, "made it necessary to mobilize all hospital facilities. Thus, the city of Leipzig could not forego also the Jewish Hospital." The report adds that the hospital was taken out of Jewish hands and incorporated into the municipal system. According to the newspaper, all Jewish doctors and nurses were immediately eliminated and the Jewish patients were removed "to another place."

#### Nazis Move to Speed Trade 'Dejudaization'

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The German newspaper Koelnische Zeitung reports that the Government has taken measures to simplify the "economic dejudaization" of the Reich. Local administrations henceforth will have the power to approve contracts since the central administrative bodies are overworked, the newspaper reports.

The Nazi newspaper Essener National Zeitung reports from Bratislava the discovery of an alleged subversive propaganda center at Preschow, eastern Slovakia. Ten persons, most of them Jews, were reported arrested. Two of the Jews, Hartstein and Egemann, are accused of directing the center and distributing anti-Government and anti-German pamphlets.

#### NEW POLAND TO BE TOLERANT OF ALL, HALLER TELLS PITTSBURGH RALLY

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- General Josef Haller, "good will emissary" of the Polish Government-in-exile, declared at a public meeting here that "the new Poland will treat all her citizens on a footing of perfect equality" and that "our common suffering has made us all realize more than heretofore that we are all brothers."

"During the armed struggle against the German invader, all citizens of Poland, whether of Polish or Jewish or Ukrainian or White Russian or Czech nationality, have fulfilled their duty towards the Republic of Poland," he said. General Haller was attacked by several Jewish organizations when he arrived in the United States on the ground of his anti-Semitic record.

BELGIAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS 8,000,000-FRANC REFUGEE-AID BILL

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Belgian Chamber of Deputies today adopted the Senate-approved bill allocating 8,000,000 francs for maintenance of refugees. The vote was 140 to 15.

SCANDINAVIAN JEWS APPEAL FOR AID TO FINLAND

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Scandinavian Jews appealed to world Jewry today to aid Finland in its defense against the Soviet Russian invasion. The appeal, sent here by Mayor Santeri Jacobson of Lauritola, Finland, bears the signatures of a group of Scandinavian Jews representing Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

It emphasizes that the Jews in all Scandinavian countries feel that their welfare is threatened if Soviet expansion is not halted at the Finnish-Soviet frontier. It also points out that the Jews in Finland--estimated at 2,000--have always enjoyed equal rights.

CHILEAN PRESS DEMANDS CURB ON REFUGEE INFLUX

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 20. (JTA-Airmail) -- Chilean newspapers are demanding action to control entry of refugees, after a Government commission had reported "undeniable existence of fraud" in many cases.

Diario Ilustrado, in an article captioned "A Jewish Affair," demanded stringent punishment for persons who "utilized the desperate situation of European Jews to take advantage of the leniency of Chilean immigration laws and fill their own pockets."

El Chileano asserted that Jewish immigration provided a grave problem for Chilean commerce and industry. Several papers accused the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association in Chile of "monopolizing" immigration into Chile and of fostering irregularities in entry of Jewish refugees.

Dr. Mauricio Weinstein, president of the Chilean HIAS-ICA, replied with an open letter to newspapers denying that the organization "monopolized" immigration or was guilty of irregularities. He said the HIAS-ICA, like any organization or individual, applied to the Government for immigration permits which were granted or denied after individual study by Chilean consulates in Europe. (Eleven hundred Jewish refugees have arrived in Chile on three steamships in the past few days.)

JEWISH CONGRESS, AGENCY MOURN DEATH OF GIUSEPPE MOTTA

GENEVA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today sent condolences to the Swiss Federal Council on the death of former President Giuseppe Motta, whom it described as a protector of national and religious minorities.

The Jewish Agency bureau at the League of Nations also sent condolences to the Federal Council, recalling that Motta had shown "vivid interest" in Palestine and had defended the cause of national minorities at many League meetings.