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ALLIES BAR POLISH RELIEF UNTIL NAZIS ALLOW U.S. SUPERVISION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Allied blockade control henceforth will not permit American relief supplies to go to Poland unless the German Government furnishes "proper guarantees" that distribution will be supervised by Americans, it was learned today from a British Embassy official.

(Authorized quarters in London told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Britain and France were insisting on external supervision by an authorized neutral agency to ensure that relief supplies would not be diverted for the use of the Nazis.)

The new regulation affects both the Commission for Polish Relief, Inc., and the American Red Cross, it was said.

(The Commission for Polish Relief stated in New York: "Until the principle of American supervision is accepted by the German Government, the British and Allied Governments have informed us that they will not permit one pound of supplies to go through the blockade to Poland.")

The Red Cross announced that eight shipments of supplies for impartial relief in Poland have been released by the British blockade authorities, but the British Embassy said these cargos must have been passed through the blockade before the new ruling was adopted.

The Embassy also insisted that the present arrangement between the Red Cross and the German Government did not contain sufficient guarantees that the supplies would reach only needy Poles and Jews to warrant the Allies' passing Red Cross goods through the blockade.

The Embassy said that the Red Cross had no supervisor in Poland at present. The Red Cross said that James T. Nicholson, now in Berlin, would be allowed to go to Cracow, in Nazi-occupied Poland, when the eight shipments reached there from Genoa, Italy.

Under the present arrangement with the Germans, the Red Cross is allowed to send one representative to Poland for a "visit," but is not permitted to keep a man permanently stationed at Cracow.

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Americans Still Barred, Relief Body Reports

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Allied Governments have informed the American Commission for Polish Relief that "they will not permit one pound of supplies to go through the blockade, to Poland" until "the principle of American supervision (of relief distribution) is accepted by the German Government," the commission announced today.

The commission reported that "there has been no progress on the fundamental point of securing resident American representation in occupied-Poland for the relief which we are so anxious to bring to the population in the war-stricken area."

"With the exception of the city of Cracow," a statement by the commission said, "neither our representatives nor those of any other American relief organization have been permitted to go into occupied-Poland for the past three months. And so far the Government has given no assurance that Americans connected with our neutral relief undertaking would be welcome in occupied-Poland. Our donors quite naturally demand that in the distribution of supplies purchased with their funds they be represented by Americans at work in the field."

Previous statements have pointed out that without American supervision it would be impossible to guarantee distribution of relief on a non-sectarian basis because of the Nazi policy of barring Jews from relief. The American Friends' Service Committee, through whose field workers the commission operates, has refused to distribute relief until it is satisfied that there will be no discrimination.

The commission said its program for Poland "foresees the furnishing of supplies on a scale of \$2,000,000 per month, such action to be supported jointly by private charity and the grants of governments. We are set up to bring immediate aid to this distressing picture and it is to be hoped that those who can facilitate our action will soon give their consent."

The commission has so far been limiting its activities to relief among refugees from Poland in Lithuania, Rumania and Hungary. The statement reviewed developments in Poland during the past four months, pointing out that one-third of the city of Warsaw had been destroyed, that Poland was experiencing the worst winter in 50 years, that millions were unemployed and without means of livelihood and that "hundreds of thousands of the population of former Poland are being moved from one territory to another, in the process of which they lose all basis for sustenance and existence."

REICH SPEEDS TRANSFER OF JEWS TO LUBLIN AREA, WASHINGTON HEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The mass transfer of Jews from Germany to the Lublin "reservation" in Poland has been accelerated, according to latest reports reaching the State Department, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from an authoritative source today.

The Department could not immediately confirm a report that the entire Jewish population of Stettin, Germany, had been loaded into box cars and sent beyond the new Polish Pale, but it does have reports of a similar forced exodus of entire Jewish populations in other German towns.

Only the Jewish population of Berlin has been left intact, the J.T.A. learned. This is being done to prevent neutral observers from gauging the full extent of the migration.

Nazis Plan to Oust 2,000,000 From Lodz-Cracow Area

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Polish Government circles reported today that the German authorities have prepared a plan for expulsion of at least 2,000,000 Poles and Jews from the Lodz, Kielce and Cracow districts of Poland within four months.

Under the terms of this plan, 600,000 Jews alone will be expelled from the Lodz and Kielce districts, the Polish statement said. The expulsions are now proceeding on a large scale from all towns bordering the line between "German Poland" and the "Gouvernement-General," and Nazi troops are being stationed in the border zone to dig trenches and erect barbed-wire barricades.

The expelled Jews and Poles are transported to other parts of Poland at the rate of several thousand daily, being packed into cattle trains, the Polish statement declared. After riding a number of days, half-starved and shivering with cold, the passengers are then ordered to alight from the trains in the fields and "go wherever your feet will carry you."

The exiled Polish Government's statement stressed that Poles and Jews were being treated alike by the Nazis, with all property of those in Lodz, Kielce and Cracow being confiscated. "All commercial, industrial and even artisan enterprises are being confiscated without compensation," it was stated.

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Jews Unmolested, Says Hans Frank

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi Governor-General for Poland, in an interview with foreign correspondents in Berlin on Friday, had the following to say about the situation of the Polish Jews--conflicting with all other reports that have come from the occupied territory:

(1) The Jews are unhampered by decree in any activities. "I have made no decrees to hinder them in the exercise of their trades or professions. There are no racial laws preventing them from mingling with or intermarrying with Poles."

(2) There is not one concentration camp in the entire territory.

(3) No Jews have been forcefully resettled, but Jews who "immigrated" into the Gouvernement-General from Greater German territories have been "settled" in the Lublin area, where there was "plenty of room." He estimated the number of Jews in Lublin at about 20,000.

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Drastic Curbs in Protectorate

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Drastic anti-Jewish trade curbs have been decreed in Prague by Reich Protector Konstantin von Neurath, Nazi ruler in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate.

One part of the edict sets April 1 as the closing date for all Jewish textile clothing and leather goods shops. The second part specifies that all other kinds of Jewish shops must close their doors "whenever the authorities find it necessary."

At the same time, all commercial enterprises in Slovakia have been ordered to submit lists of their owners, directors and stockholders. The lists must specify religion. The order is a preliminary step to "Aryanization" of all Jewish-owned firms.

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NATIONALIZATION IN FULL SWING IN SOVIET POLAND; JEWS SEVERELY HIT

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The nationalization process in Soviet-occupied Poland is in full swing despite a pre-plebiscite promise that it would be deferred for three years, it was reliably learned today. The disclosure was made in the course of an interview given this correspondent by a Jewish personality who was prominent in the social and economic life of pre-war Poland.

Nationalization is being carried out in three stages, according to this informant. In the first are the landowners, among whom were many Jews. Industrialists comprise the second, with merchants and house owners in the third.

Jews have been particularly hard hit in the process, which has created a large category of declassed, the informant declared, who are unable to reenter economic life since the authorities have forbidden Jewish organizations to carry on retraining and emigration activities.

One of the worst phases of the Jewish position, he said, is the ban on emigration, violations of which carry a penalty of 15 years in prison at hard labor. Not even foreigners are permitted to leave. Twenty-five to 30 Britons and Palestinians were permitted to leave only after intervention by the British Ambassador at Moscow.

The frontiers are guarded by reinforced patrols which use bloodhounds brought from Russia. Several hundred persons caught trying to escape to Rumania and Hungary were robbed of all their possessions and imprisoned.

Many political leaders, the informant revealed, have also been arrested and denunciations are going on continuously. Rabbi Moses Schorr, former Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, and Deputy Emil Sommerstein are still imprisoned in Lwow.

Between Dec. 15 and Jan. 1 all males of 18 to 50, including refugees from western Poland, were registered for military service. Refugee delegations protesting the registration of Polish citizens were told that Poland no longer existed.

The position of thousands of declassed Jews was stated to be most critical, with starvation looming in the face of dwindling food supplies and soaring prices.

POLICE 'FRONTISTS' PUT AT 200 TO 1,000; ONLY 2 DETECTIVES ADMIT MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- It was reported today without official confirmation that approximately 200 of the city's 18,000 uniformed policemen had acknowledged membership in the Christian Front in response to Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine's questionnaire. Other sources reportedly put the figure at 1,000.

It was said that only two of the city's 1,000 detectives had given affirmative answers to the questionnaire distributed at the behest of Mayor LaGuardia asking police whether they were members of the Front or other subversive organizations.

Some of the policemen said they still were members of the Front, while others said they had relinquished membership. The number in each category was not known.

BRITAIN FIRM ON PALESTINE ENTRY BAN FOR DANUBE REFUGEES

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A Government spokesman today refused to relax Palestine immigration regulations in behalf of refugees marooned on the Danube in Rumania.

Colonial Undersecretary Lord Dufferin and Ava, replying in writing to a question by Lord Davies regarding the situation of the 2,000 refugees on the Danube declared the situation was the result of an attempt to escape the consequences of a "well-known deliberate policy of the German Government."

He refused, however, relaxation of Palestine restrictions. "Palestine," he said, "is already making a considerable contribution, under the terms of the recent White Paper, toward a solution of the Jewish refugee problem by means of quotas for legal immigrants."

Holds Government Can Aid Arab-Jewish Amity

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Government can do a great deal to foster an Arab-Jewish rapprochement in Palestine, it was declared today by Joseph Baratz, founder of the Daganian colony, interviewed after his arrival in London with Leib Jaffe and Alexander Goldstein to conduct the British campaign for the Palestine Foundation Fund. Baratz stressed that life in Palestine was generally much quieter than at any time since the outbreak of the disorders in 1936.

Zionist Activities at Standstill in Rumania

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Zionist activities in Rumania have been brought to a complete standstill as a result of a decree by the Interior Ministry prohibiting Zionist fund collections, it was revealed in information reaching here today.

The decree, issued Jan. 8 and addressed to "Royal Government prefects, superintendents of police, chiefs of police, etc," was made public by the provincial authorities on Jan. 18. Efforts at intervention are understood to have been fruitless.

No reason for the action was contained in the decree, text of which follows: "You are hereby requested to take appropriate steps to enforce the strictest prohibition of all public collections of funds by the Zionist Organization of Rumania or the New Zionist Organization, both by their head offices and provincial branches. Propaganda material used for the purposes of such collections viz, pamphlets, stamps, receipts, appeals, boxes, etc., must be confiscated and destroyed."

All previous decrees issued by the Ministry of Interior or the Ministry of Labor authorizing such collections are hereby revoked.

"In virtue thereof, no propaganda directed to the collection of money by Jewish organizations for 'Palestine upbuilding' or for preparation of immigration to Palestine may in the future be tolerated. Persons contravening this order will, upon being apprehended, be placed on trial under the public collection regulations."

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The prohibition is the third such measure in recent years. In both previous cases, during 1936 and 1937, the Tatarescu Government was in power. The anti-Semitic regime of the late Prof. Octavian Goga did not interfere with Zionist fund collections.

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Mrs. Roosevelt Honored by Hadassah

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA). -- A book designed and written by Palestinian children was today presented to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at a reception given by the national board of Junior Hadassah. The book, dedicated to the "First Lady in the land of liberty," was a gift from the children's village of Meier Shfeyah, Palestine and an expression of the Palestinian children's admiration of Mrs. Roosevelt for her "deep interest in the education and rehabilitation of underprivileged boys and girls." The volume is bound in covers of Palestinian olive wood and contains stories and pictures of life in the children's village.

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PALESTINE COOPERATIVE GETS ARMY BARRACKS CONTRACT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The British Army today let a L150,000 contract to the Solel Boneh, Jewish building cooperative, to erect barracks "somewhere in Palestine." The construction will require two to three months and will engage 600 to 700 workers.

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JAFFA, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The first contingent of Australian troops arriving here today was warmly greeted by a Scottish regiment which had been assigned to build a camp for the newcomers.

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CZECH JEWS FROM ALL OVER WORLD FLOCK TO COLORS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Large numbers of Czech Jews have come from all corners of the world, including China, Palestine and the Dutch East Indies, to volunteer for service in the Czechoslovakian Army in France, it was announced today by the Czechoslovak National Committee. The committee pointed out that the percentage of Jewish volunteers in the army was much higher than that of Jews in the population of former Czecho-Slovakia.

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ITALY CLOSES FARM SCHOOL CAMP; 44 AUDITORS OUSTED

ROME, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Acting upon instructions from the Interior Ministry, the police have closed one of the two Jewish agricultural school camps in Italy, it was learned today. The school is in Pisa.

Both police and Interior Ministry have refused to explain the action which has been protested by official Jewish quarters. Why one school should be closed and the other permitted to continue functioning could not be explained in Jewish circles. The remaining school is also located in the vicinity of Pisa.

The Government has issued a decree striking 44 Jews off the roll of Italian auditors, effective March 1.

KANTOROWICZ, LEGAL EXPERT, DEAD IN ENGLAND AT 63

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Hermann Kantorowicz, internationally known legal expert and authority on the origins of the World War, died in Cambridge yesterday. He was 63 years old.

Born in Poznan, Dr. Kantorowicz held professorships in such German universities as Freiburg and Keil until 1933, leaving Germany upon the accession of Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

While on the Keil faculty in 1931, Dr. Kantorowicz wrote a volume which attracted wide attention, "The Spirit of British Policy and the Myth of the Encirclement of Germany." From 1923 to 1929, he served as an expert of the Reichstag Commission on the Origins of the War.

Dr. Kantorowicz, who was the author of many books on various aspects of law, was well known in the United States, where he lectured at Columbia University in 1927, at the New School for Social Research in 1933-34 and the College of the City of New York in 1934.

JEWISH GROUPS MOURN LORD TWEEDSMUIR

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine today cabled the following message to Lady Tweedsmuir in Ottawa:

"Executive of Jewish Agency for Palestine desires, on behalf of Zionists world over, to convey sincerest sympathy in your terrible loss. They mourn with you and whole Empire passing of distinguished statesman, generous friend, whose wisdom, sympathy, courage always been source of inspiration and strength which be sorely missed."

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today sent a message of sympathy on the death of Lord Tweedsmuir to King George and Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

MONTREAL, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, stated here that "Canadian Jewry bows its head in sorrow at the tragic loss suffered through the death of Lord Tweedsmuir," Governor-General of Canada, who died Sunday night. The statement said that "during his tenure of office, the Governor-General showed a deep, personal interest in the problems of our own people."

HOLDS OFFICIAL POLISH ORGAN IS 'SPITEFUL' TOWARDS JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish Chronicle asserts in its current issue that it appeared "Polish anti-Semitism is not only ineradicable, but not actively resented by those in authority in a temporarily homeless State."

The paper expressed "great disappointment and indignation at conduct which can only rob Poles of all sympathies and suggest that among the present Polish Government are men who can neither learn nor forget." The statement was made in commenting on reports that Glos Polski, official Polish organ published in France, was showing a "spiteful" and "contemptuous" attitude to the Jews.