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POLISH JEWS ORDERED TO LIST ALL PROPERTY, IN OR OUT OF POLAND, BY MARCH 1

PARIS, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Poland have ordered Jews to declare all property owned inside or outside Poland by March 1 and have forbidden Jews to travel on railways, according to the Krakauer Zeitung, official Nazi organ in the occupied territory, copies of which reached Paris today.

At the same time the exiled Polish Government reported that the Germans have formally proclaimed the Lodz area an integral part of the Reich, indicating that all Jews would be driven out, as has been done in Poznan and Pomerania.

The property registration order, issued by Governor-General Hans Frank, applies not only to Polish nationals, but to "stateless" Jews living in Nazi Poland and to persons married to Jews. It was indicated that the measure was a prelude to confiscation of Jewish property.

The order provides for imprisonment, an unlimited monetary fine and, in certain cases, hard labor for non-compliance. Property which must be declared is listed in the decree as follows:

All accounts in local and foreign banks; all other possessions held in local and foreign banks; all inheritance claims against persons in Nazi Poland or abroad; all stocks, bonds and other valuable papers; all real estate and mortgages on real estate; all merchandise, stating its quantity and its present value; all transportation property, including automobiles, wagons and horses; all cash; all jewelry and valuables including marriage rings, watches, earrings and silverware; all valuable household goods, including paintings, rugs, even when they are in warehouses awaiting transportation; all wearing apparel, including men's and women's clothing, furs and similar personal belongings.

Another issue of the Krakauer Zeitung reports that Governor-General Frank, at a meeting in Cracow of Gestapo leaders from Warsaw, Cracow and Radom, emphasized the necessity of "liquidating" the Jews in small-trading enterprises, which they are still permitted by law to conduct. Dr. Frank outlined measures to this end which the paper does not disclose and received assurances from the Gestapo men that his orders would be carried out "as devotedly as hitherto."

The order forbidding Jews to ride in trains was issued, it was officially explained, for sanitary reasons and to deter Jews in small-trading. Violation will result in trial before a special court and punishment by imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

Hundreds Wander on Highways; Three Groups Rule Warsaw

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1. (JTA - By Mail). -- Large groups of Jews are wandering aimlessly about on the roads in the German-occupied parts of Poland, the J.T.A. here learns. They are all scantily clad and starving. There are many children among them who have lost their parents. There are also many Jewish refugees wandering from the Russian frontier, having failed to obtain permission to enter the Soviet occupied part of Poland.

The Hachsharah training centre near Bendin, the J.T.A. further learns, was recently raided by Nazis who killed two chalutzim, Judek Jurowski of Wloclawec and David Arnold of Wengrow.

There are three distinct Nazi administrations in Warsaw at present. The military commander is General Neumann-Neurode, whose headquarters are in Hotel Europejski. The civil administration is directed by an official of the Reichs-ministry of the Interior, a certain Dr. Fischer. He occupies the office of Col. Josef Beck, former Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, in Bruhl Palace, the roof of which was destroyed by a German bomb. The third Nazi ruler of Warsaw and the most powerful one is Dr. Bartz, head of the Gestapo, whose headquarters are also in Hotel Europejski.

The three German administrations as a rule issue their orders independently of one another, which very often results in chaos. The administration is carried on by Germans from Lodz and Warsaw who have had no experience in civil affairs. The police officials are Germans from the Reich who are mostly very young people. They are all under the command of the S.S. terrorists. Their chief business is to look for securities, foreign bonds, foreign currency, gold and other valuables. They usually specialize in raids on Jewish houses and enterprises. There are no important industrial undertakings left in Polish or Jewish hands.

WAR VETERANS PRESENT AMBULANCE TO FINNS IN CITY HALL CEREMONY; JEWS' AID LAUDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Finnish Consul-General Kaarlo Kuusamo today praised the "active interest of our Jewish friends" in "this fight against an aggressor," as he accepted a four-passenger ambulance from the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at a City Hall ceremony attended by Mayor LaGuardia and more than 300 other persons.

"On behalf of the Finnish Government, I wish to express our deepest gratitude for your wonderful cooperation in our struggle for our right to exist," Count Kuusamo said. "This ambulance is another concrete expression of the active interest of the American people in the cause of justice.

"It is more specifically an expression of the active interest of our Jewish friends, whom we have found so ready and willing to aid in this fight against an aggressor. We have had so many concrete expressions of help from your various organizations that we have no doubt of the sincerity of their help for a just cause.

"To you, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, who have seen active service in the cause of democracy, to you let me express our most heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful expression of help."

Another speaker at the ceremony was Edgar Burman, commander of the J.W.V. After the presentation, the ambulance, which was purchased with contributions from Jewish veterans throughout the country, was driven to a pier and loaded aboard the S.S. Carolina Thorden, which sails on Saturday.

3,546 REFUGEES ABSORBED IN NEW COMMUNITIES IN 1939, N.R.S. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Reporting that 3,546 refugees were moved into new communities during 1939, the National Refugee Service declared today, in a report by Executive Director William Haber, that "it is possible to absorb our quota immigration through an equitable distribution of refugees throughout the country."

The report, which covers November and December, states that the Resettlement Department, in cooperation with 750 local coordinating committees, moved 234 families consisting of 421 individuals to new homes in November and 250 families numbering 449 individuals in December.

"During the entire year of 1939," Dr. Haber reported, "a total of 2,139 families consisting of 3,546 individuals moved into new communities. The marked increase in the number of families resettled during the last two months of 1939 is, in no small measure, the result of the successful establishment of a trained field staff and an improved program of interpretation to the refugees."

Concluding, Dr. Haber said: "From the viewpoint of orderly adjustment of refugee immigrants in the United States, the year 1939 has been significant. Our experience indicates that it is possible to absorb our quota immigration through an equitable distribution of refugees throughout the country."

"We know that refugees are making a rapid adjustment to their American environment and that the local committees in all states are prepared to carry on with even greater effectiveness during 1940."

RUMANIA LIFTS ZIONIST BAN; BARS AID TO ILLEGAL PALESTINE EMIGRATION

BUCHAREST, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The ban on Zionist activities and fund collection in effect since Jan. 9, has been lifted by the Rumanian Government.

Conditions set by the Government in withdrawing the ban were: 1) That all funds raised in Rumania be used only for reconstruction activities in Palestine; 2) that emigration to Palestine proceed only on the basis of certificates legalized by the British Consulate.

The conditions, imposed at the request of the British Government, were designed to prevent assistance to illegal Palestine immigration activities conducted by various groups here and in other Danube countries.

DOMINICAN REFUGEE BODY NAMES AIDE; NATIVES SEE PROJECT SPURRING TRADE

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Appointment of W.A. Frey as secretary of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, American group sponsoring the settlement of refugees here, was announced today. Mr. Frey, a resident of this city, is the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in the Dominican Republic.

Actual settlement activities will get under way soon after ratification by the Dominican Congress of the contract with the association. Ratification is expected before the end of the month.

Meanwhile, the native Dominican population is looking forward eagerly to the beginning of the project, which is expected to spur trade. The natives welcome the prospect of white immigration and indicate their eagerness to learn modern farming and industrial methods from the new settlers. Newspapers gave over much space to publishing all cables from abroad congratulating General Rafael L. Trujillo, the Dominican Government and the Settlement Association on signing of the contract, and publish frequent editorials praising the project.

REFUGEES, RELEASED FROM FRENCH CAMPS, SAIL FOR U.S.

PARIS, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Recently released by the French authorities from isolation centers, 105 Jewish refugees sailed yesterday for the United States equipped with immigration visas. They were accompanied by wives and children, from whom they had been separated while in camp, making a group of 260 in all.

SWISS FASCISTS FINED FOR DISTRIBUTING FALSE TALMUD QUOTATIONS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan. 29. (JTA-By Mail) -- Five members of the former National Front, Swiss Fascist party, today were sentenced to fines ranging between 20 and 400 francs, plus costs, for anti-Jewish defamation in distributing pamphlets containing false quotations from the Talmud.

The court denounced the "dishonorable intentions" of the defendants, who include a former pastor and a woman journalist. The action was brought by the Jewish communities of four cities.

MEXICAN NEWSPAPER BANS ANTI-JEWISH LETTERS AS WORK OF "IDIOTS"

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16. (JTA-Airmail) -- The newspaper Excelsior has published an announcement that it will no longer print anti-Jewish letters because it considers anti-Jewish agitators "idiots."

BRITISH JEWS REFUTE FASCIST ALLEGATIONS ON CAUSE OF WAR

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has issued a pamphlet designed to counteract the growing anti-Semitic campaign blaming the Jews for the war.

The pamphlet refutes allegations by "certain elements in this country, Fascist pro-Nazi and pseudo-Fascist," that the country would not be at war were it not for the Jews striving for revenge for the iniquities of the Nazi regime. It recalls the fate of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland and points out that although Judaism admits the possibility of a justifiable war it passionately yearns for universal peace.

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DECREE ON PROPERTY TRANSFERS IN REICH IMPOSES NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The German Reichsgesetzblatt has published a new supplementary decree concerning regulations for transfer of Jewish property.

Permission for sale of Jewish property can be given only on condition that the purchaser pay a certain amount to the Treasury. The authorities are also authorized to reduce the agreed sale price. The seller is not allowed to cancel the agreement because of the imposition of such conditions nor is any clause legally valid which provides that the sale is effective only if no official conditions are imposed.

Conditions may be imposed retroactively, applying to sales agreed upon before promulgation of the decree if the property transfer has not yet actually been carried out.

ARAB LEADERS PERMITTED TO RETURN TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Fuad Effendi Saba, secretary of the disbanded Arab Higher Committee, and Alfred Rock, Arab Christian member of the same committee, have been granted permission to return to Palestine and are expected to arrive shortly. Abbas Hilmi, also a member of the committee, is already in Jerusalem. The committee was outlawed in 1937 following the outbreak of Arab disorders for which it was held responsible by the administration.

300 JEWS SERVE WITH CANADIAN OVERSEAS FORCE

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- About 300 Jews, including high officers and doctors are among the Canadian forces which have arrived in England, according to Canadian Jewish soldiers. The soldiers said that hundreds of Jews were volunteering daily in Canada for overseas military service, many of them giving up good jobs. The friendliest relations prevail between the Jewish and non-Jewish members of the expeditionary force.

CATHOLIC RITES EXPLAINED TO PROTESTANTS, JEWS AT INTERFAITH PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The services and rituals of the Roman Catholic faith were explained to more than 300 Protestant and Jewish women this afternoon at a meeting held in Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church under the auspices of the women's committee of the New York Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The meeting, second of a series of three, was held as part of the local observance of Brotherhood Week.

JEWS, POLES BROUGHT CLOSER BY PERSECUTION, SZOSZKES HOLDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- As a result of Nazi persecution in Poland, Jews and non-Jews have been brought closer together than ever before, Dr. Henryk Szoszek, a former leader of the Warsaw Jewish Community and now a Polish honorary consul, declared today at a luncheon of the Federation of Polish Jews in America at the Hotel Astor. The luncheon was in connection with a benefit performance of the Ballet Russe on March 28 for the Federation's relief campaign.