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### NO JEWS IN VITAL PUBLIC POSTS IN SOVIET POLAND, SURVEY REVEALS

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The first comprehensive report of Jewish conditions in Soviet-occupied Galicia reveals that Jews are apparently being discriminated against in allotment of public positions, they are suffering from the Russian declassing process because of their preponderance in the middle classes and their political organizations are being suppressed. On the other hand, they enjoy religious and cultural freedom, except for a ban on Hebrew teaching.

The report was prepared by a responsible investigator who has just come to Paris from Soviet Poland. According to this investigator, the Jewish situation is as follows:

After suffering mass executions at the hands of the Nazis, the Jews in Eastern Galicia, though opposed to Communism, "naturally found the entry of the Soviets into this territory as the lesser evil."

The situation has changed considerably, however, since the Soviet entry. Although no Jewish question exists in Russia and no differentiation is made between Jews and non-Jews, there is not a single Jew in an important position in Soviet-occupied Poland.

Jews in East Galicia are being accepted in small numbers into the militia, into the school system and as State engineers. Similarly, colleges which had been closed to Jews are now open to them. But no Jews--not even Jewish Communists--have political influence and not a single responsible position is entrusted to a Jew. All such positions are held by Russians sent from the interior of the Soviet or by local Ukrainians.

Illustrative of the situation is the fact that among 1,700 delegates to the Soviet National Assembly held last October in Lwow to proclaim Galicia a part of the Soviet Union hardly 20 delegates were Jews, despite the large ratio of Jews in the population. It is known that when Jewish Communists were nominated by Jewish workers, the Soviet authorities intervened and advised withdrawal of the Jewish candidates and replacement by Ukrainians. In Lwow, whose population is 30 per cent Jewish, only two Jews were elected to the local soviet of 160 members.

Moscow seems to take the attitude that in East Galicia the Ukrainians alone should have political influence and therefore Jews are not admitted to leading positions, even when they are Communist Party members.

Economically, the Jews as a group have been ruined since the economic structure of Galician Jewry was such that it left no place for them under a Communist regime. Jewish traders, industrialists and real estate owners were naturally the first to suffer, but even Jewish workers find it difficult to exist.

There is no local demand for labor, while living costs have risen sharply and an acute shortage of food and coal is felt. Many Jewish workers see their salvation in emigrating into the Soviet interior, especially to the Donbass industrial region.

The position of Jewish professionals is similarly difficult. Lawyers have no function under the Soviet system. Physicians must practice in sections assigned to them. On the other hand, pharmacists, even where they own their own stores, are permitted to remain in the places as State employees. The same is true of Jewish engineers and teachers, who find State employment without difficulty.

Nationalization of private trade, organizing everything into cooperatives, has displaced thousands of Jewish employees, since the number of cooperatives which have been established is much smaller than the number of liquidated private commercial enterprises. Owners of factories and large stores who were, during the first months of the Soviet occupation, permitted to remain in their establishments as managers, have been all dismissed within the last few weeks.

Real estate has not been confiscated, but owners of buildings--most of whom in Galicia are Jews--find it impossible to collect rents since tenants know there is no court which can order their eviction. It is assumed the nationalization of buildings will come in the nearest future.

The repudiation of the Polish zloty by the Soviet authorities has hit the Jews, as well as others, severely since everyone had his savings in the Polish currency. Overnight the richest Jews became beggars through the effects of this decree.

Foreign currency, jewelry and other valuables have not been confiscated, but in the smaller towns, where the local Soviet authorities are stricter, the population is sometimes ordered to deliver, "for the poor," all they have in jewelry and clothing above a certain maximum amount.

As far as Jewish cultural life is concerned, there is complete equality for the Ukrainian, Polish and Yiddish languages, but in Hebrew schools the language of instruction has been changed to Yiddish, resulting in a large demand for Yiddish teachers.

The Jewish daily newspapers, Chwila and Der Morgen, have been suppressed, but a Communist Yiddish daily has been appearing in Lwow since December.

Jewish religion is considered a private affair and none is persecuted for being religious.

Non-political Jewish organizations continue to function normally, but Jewish kehillahs (community organizations) have given up their activities and turned over

their property to the local authorities, which will maintain Jewish institutions on the municipal budgets. In lwow, where the kehillah owned extensive property, a certain Dr. Fabian has been nominated to supervise the transfer of Jewish community institutions and property to the local municipality, which will maintain the Jewish hospital, orphanages, homes for the aged and incurables, the Jewish cemetery and other institutions.

Of Jewish political organizations, the Bund (Socialist party) and the Zionist are persecuted, but the Agudath Israel, religious organization, is left unmolested by the authorities, which consider it as harmless. All Zionist funds are worthless since they are in zlotys and further collections have been prohibited. The Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) and Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund) have been declared illegal.

RED CROSS AGENT GETS PERMIT FOR 'UNLIMITED STAY' TO WATCH RELIEF IN CRACOW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- James T. Nicholson, American Red Cross representative supervising relief in Poland, cabled Red Cross headquarters here from Berlin today that he was leaving immediately for Cracow and had been given permission for an "unlimited stay" to supervise distribution of supplies from the Red Cross warehouse there.

Receipt of the cable followed announcement by the Red Cross of a new supplementary agreement with the German Government under which Red Cross representatives are permitted to enter the "Gouvernement General" of Poland long enough to supervise distribution of relief supplies.

The J.T.A. secured from the Red Cross today that part of the text of a letter in which the German Ambassador, writing Chairman Norman Davis, confirms the supplementary agreement. That part of the letter follows:

"The German Government agrees to the relief work among the civil population in the Gouvernement General which the American Red Cross is carrying out or intends to carry out. The German Government is prepared to grant transportation facilities and exemptions from customs duty for the shipments imported by the American Red Cross for relief purposes. (The German Government will grant upon special application permission for a qualified representative of the American Red Cross to enter the territory of the Gouvernement General in order to receive the American shipments for Polish relief to regulate their distribution in agreement with the German Red Cross and to observe this distribution. It is understood that these American shipments are being forwarded to the civil population of the Gouvernement General exclusively and that they will at no time be at the disposal of or claimed by the German authorities."

Women's Group Ships Clothing

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Twenty bales consisting of 10,000 pounds of used clothing are being shipped tomorrow on the S.S. Vulcania to Polish war refugees in Hungary by Ezra, women's division of the Federation of Polish Jews in America, it was announced today.

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RACIAL OFFICE SET UP IN CRACOW; NAZI-NOBILITY RIFT SEEN WIDENING

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Nazi newspaper Kattowitzter Zeitung reports establishment in Cracow of a special racial office to enable Germans residing in Poland to prove their "Aryan" origin.

The office, the paper said, already has in its possession all Jewish birth registers in Nazi Poland. They will be used to ascertain the racial descent of Reich residents with Polish ancestry.

The paper hints at new action against the German nobility in the near future to prove that they have "Jewish blood in their veins." This would indicate increasing differences and hostility between the Nazi party and the former ruling class in the Reich.

"No one doubts," the newspaper states, "that in the Reich there are still no small number of so-called noble Aryans who have hitherto veiled the gaps in their pedigree by declaring their ancestors lived in Poland and the Polish authorities had refused to give them certificates of Aryan descent. The Aryan period of these gentlemen, in whose veins the blood of Moses flows, will now soon be over."

BRITISH SECRET SERVICE FINANCED BY JEWS, NAZI PAPER HOLDS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The British secret service and the Jews are the joint targets in editorial attacks by Julius Streicher's weekly Der Stuermer, copies of which reached here today from Germany.

"The world enemy," the editorial states, "has his chief seat in England. If we want to defeat the Jew, England must be defeated." Basing its information allegedly on reports "from our former regular contributors in London," the paper describes in detail the organization methods of the British secret service as well as a history of the times when "the Jew Delbona, who played a certain part in the fight between Queen Elizabeth and Mary Stuart" laid its foundations.

The article asserts that the secret service is entirely financed by influential Jews who use it for their own ends. A cartoon illustrating the article shows an outstretched hand holding a bomb with the inscription "Secret Service," while Jews in the background are waiting for the explosion. The cartoon strikingly recalls a similar cartoon published in the Stuermer a few years ago, the only difference being that then it was a Russian Bolshevik holding a Jewish-inspired bomb.

ANTI-NAZI OUTBREAK STIRRED BY 'FREEDOM OF THOUGHT' LINE IN GERMAN PLAY

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- An anti-Nazi demonstration was precipitated here Wednesday night when a German actor, in a performance of Schiller's "Don Carlos," came to the lines where he asks the absolute monarch in the play to "grant us the liberty to think."

"Also in Germany," Netherlanders in the audience shouted to the Nazi thespians who came here from Duesseldorf to appear under the auspices of the German Consul General. Police finally had to intervene, arresting 15 persons before the play could go on.

"Don Carlos" has seldom been produced in Nazi Germany of late years, because the lines about freedom of thought have invariably stimulated laughter from audiences. When the 18th century play is given in the Reich, the reference to freedom of thought is usually eliminated.

#### MOSLEY CANDIDATE ROUTED IN BRITISH BY-ELECTION

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists suffered a crushing defeat in the Silvertown by-election today which was to have been a trial of Mosley's strength.

The Fascist candidate, Tom Moran, secured only 151 votes compared to 966 for Communist Harry Pollitt and 14,543 for the victorious Laborite J.H. Hollins. Both Moran and Pollitt, who campaigned on a stop-the-war issue, forfeited deposits of £150 each. Moran's campaign was almost exclusively anti-Jewish.

#### 'FRONT' SEEN MENACE TO DEMOCRACY UNLESS STRONG COUNTEROFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A warning that the Christian Front may develop into an "impressive threat to our democracy" unless an "adequate counteroffensive" is organized against it is sounded in the March issue of The Forum magazine.

The issue features an article on the Front by Theodore Irwin, who cites Nazi and Irish Republican Army links uncovered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and describes the growth of the movement in such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, St. Louis and Minnesota.

The arrest of 17 Frontists in Brooklyn on charges of seditious conspiracy against the Government, Irwin asserts, has "undoubtedly dealt the Front a paralyzing body blow" but this "can hardly be considered a knockout."

Declaring the movement was gaining momentum for a spring campaign and asserting that the greatest aid to the Front was the "absence of a disapproving word from official, authoritative spokesmen of the Catholic Church," Irwin concludes:

"Let the Catholic hierarchy in our cities speak out bluntly against the mongers of anti-Semitism, and it may strike the death blow to the Front. Decisive police enforcement of existing laws against incitement to riot and disturbing the peace would help speed its interment. To dig up the roots, there must be positive education in racial and religious problems, a relentless exposure of the Front's kinship with Fascist-inclined forces, and, more basically, the reclamation of the social and economic bankrupts who flock to the movement for salvation. Without the execution of an adequate counteroffensive, what has thus far been little more than an outrageous public scandal may conceivably turn into an impressive threat to our democracy."

#### MOVE TO INCLUDE 3 GROUPS IN U.J.A. CAMPAIGN FAILS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Negotiations for inclusion of the ORT, HIAS and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the United Jewish Appeal campaign have ended in failure, it was announced today by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in a statement to member agencies. Mr. Hollander expressed disappointment at the result of the talks.

MRS. JACOBS SAILS TO SURVEY HEALTH, REFUGEE CONDITIONS IN PALESTINE FOR HADASSAH

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Hadassah announced today that it has appointed Mrs. Edward Jacobs, former president, as a special envoy to make a two-months survey of public health and emergency refugee needs in the Holy Land. Mrs. Jacobs, at present the only woman member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, will sail Saturday on the S.S. Manhattan.

ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION SEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The movement for an Arab-Jewish rapprochement is making steady progress along the political, economic and cultural fronts.

An early meeting of leading Arab and Jewish personalities will be held to discuss informally the principles of a Jewish-Arab understanding. Government representatives have been invited to participate in the conference, called upon the suggestion of Vice-Mayor Daniel Auster of Jerusalem, who is a Jew.

With economic cooperation already making itself felt in the citrus industry, the spirit of rapprochement has been extended to cultural and educational activities. An important manifestation of this was seen in a broadcast over the Government radio, which for the first time in its history featured a Hebrew talk by an Arab speaker. The Arab, a teacher, spoke on ancient and modern Arab culture during the regular Hebrew hour.

There was an instant favorable reaction from Jewish listeners, who informed the radio management that they were delighted by the innovation and urged its extension. As a result the broadcasting authorities have decided to make cultural talks by Arab and Hebrew speakers a regular part of the program. Arabs will speak in Hebrew on Arab cultural subjects, while the Jews will speak in Arabic on Jewish topics.

It is hoped that the broadcasts will contribute much toward mutual understanding between the two peoples. At the same time attempts are being made to establish and intensify personal contact between Jewish and Arab educators. Recently, a group of Arab teachers from villages in the neighborhood of Lithuania visited Jewish schools in Nathania, where Jewish teachers showed them around their educational institutions explaining Hebrew instruction methods. Afterwards the Arab guests were entertained at a luncheon by the Jewish teachers.

103 KITCHENS SUPPLY 60,000 MEALS DAILY IN WARSAW, J.D.C. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- More than 103 kitchens supplying 60,000 meals for adults and 10,000 meals for children daily are being operated by the Warsaw office of the Joint Distribution Committee, Executive Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Hyman announced today. Widespread sanitation and health measures in behalf of the Jewish population of Warsaw have also been put into effect by the Polish Jewish medical organization TOZ with funds supplied by the J.D.C., Hyman stated.

Under J.D.C. auspices, emergency living quarters have been set up for more than 20,000 homeless war refugees, whose habitations have been destroyed by fire



or bombardments or who have fled to Warsaw from the provinces. A clothing department providing warm garments, underwear and shoes, both new and used, is servicing approximately 25,000 Jews in Warsaw and 20,000 in other parts of Poland. Especially established workshops have been organized to manufacture and repair these articles.

Information reaching the J.D.C. in New York, Hyman said, indicates that its Warsaw representatives are continuing extensive programs of assistance in behalf of the suffering Jewish population of Poland. Funds for the J.D.C. are raised through the United Jewish Appeal, which also includes the United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service.

#### NEW IRAQ-PALESTINE TRADE PACT SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A Government delegation has left for Iraq to negotiate a new trade agreement between the two countries replacing the one which expired Feb. 14.

#### NO JEW CAN ACCEPT WHITE PAPER, CHIEF RABBI HERZOG HOLDS

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Interviewed prior to his departure for Palestine yesterday, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog declared that "it goes without saying that no Jew could accept the White Paper policy as a solution of the Palestine question." Dr. Herzog stressed the great possibilities of settling new immigrants despite the war or perhaps even because of it, since because of the war imports from neighboring countries had considerably diminished resulting in an ever-increasing demand for home products.

Dr. Herzog came to London to petition the Government to grant facilities for the transplanting of Polish Jewish religious seminaries to Palestine. The seminaries are temporarily housed in Lithuania. While here he interviewed Cabinet members, political leaders, the highest church dignitaries and foreign diplomats on his mission. He pointed out that American Jewry was maintaining the seminaries and was prepared to continue to support them in Palestine. He will stop off in Paris and Rome, in the interests of his mission, on his way back to Palestine.

#### BRITAIN URGED IN COMMONS TO PREPARE REFUGEES FOR CITIZENSHIP

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The British Government was urged in the House of Commons last night to tell refugees to prepare themselves for British citizenship and to "cease thinking of the blessed time when they will be able to return to Vienna or Berlin." The suggestion was made by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M.P., in the course of a discussion on the £180,000 refugee-aid grant announced by the Home Office on Feb. 1. A vote on the grant, details of which were outlined last night by Home Undersecretary Osbert Peake, was decided upon.

#### RUMANIAN ZIONIST BODY DENIES LINK TO ILLEGAL EMIGRATION TRAFFIC

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Rumania cabled from Bucharest today a denial of newspaper reports intimating that the organization was connected with illegal immigration to Palestine. The message declared that the organization never had and has not now any connection with the illegal immigration traffic. (The intimation was contained in reports from Bucharest stating that the ban on Zionist activities had been lifted on condition that aid to the traffic be discontinued.)

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NEW COMMITTEES TO PASS ON STATUS OF REFUGEES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Home Secretary Sir John Anderson announced in the House of Commons today a decision to set up an advisory committee in each civil defense district to review cases of all German and Austrian refugees who have been exempted from internment but not from special restrictions on their movements.

WARNING ON NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA BROADCAST ON BRITISH RADIO

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A warning to the British public not to be misled by Nazi propaganda broadcasts against Jews was contained in a "Voice of the Nazi" broadcast by Prof. W.A. Sinclair.

Analyzing the methods of Nazi propaganda, Prof. Sinclair stressed that it was the Nazi policy to choose a scapegoat and to try to concentrate on it all discontent and dissatisfaction.

The scapegoat, Prof. Sinclair said, was changed to suit the Nazi convenience. Thus, once it was the Communists, then the Communist Jews, but since the Stalin-Hitler pact it is the Jews alone, he stated.

"The one they are using now, for the time being at least," Prof. Sinclair declared, "is 'international finance', or if they think they have an anti-Jewish audience, 'Jewish international finance.' This is a very convenient phrase for them. It is vague, nobody quite knows what it means and everyone can make it mean what he wants. This enables the Nazis to play upon a tendency very strong in human nature, the tendency to take the easy way of thinking that there is a simple cause for all different grievances and dissatisfactions which we all feel in one way or another."

MARTIN BUBER'S FORMER HOME CONFISCATED BY REICH

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The former home of Prof. Martin Buber, famous Jewish philosopher, in Heppenheim near Frankfurt, has been confiscated by the Nazi authorities, according to German newspapers reaching here today. Prof. Buber built the house while he was professor at Frankfurt University. The Jewish savant is now at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

REFUGEES IN CROATIA TO BE PLACED IN SPECIAL CAMPS

BELGRADE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- It was officially announced today that all Jewish refugees, including those who entered legally, who are now in Croatia will be ordered into special camps and will no longer be permitted to reside in towns or villages. Yugoslavian Jewish organizations will have to defray the cost of maintaining the camps.

20 REFUGEES LEAVE LITHUANIA FOR PALESTINE

WILNO, Lithuania, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- After much red tape, the first group of 20 emigrants have left for Palestine. Refugees hope that further emigration to Palestine will now be possible.