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### NAZIS BALK BERLIN JEWS' MOVE TO AID POLISH JEWRY; HUNGER TOLL GROWING

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- It was reliably learned here today that the Nazi authorities have rejected a request by the Berlin Jewish Community, itself despoiled by seven years under the Hitler regime, to dispatch relief to the Jewish population of Nazi-occupied Poland.

Information reaching here through neutral channels indicated, at the same time, that the position of Polish Jewry is daily growing more serious. Features of the situation include complete isolation of the various Jewish communities, continued plunder of Jews in Warsaw and hunger approaching famine proportions with no prospect of amelioration for at least six months.

Reich Jewry is completely cut off from contact with Jews in Poland. In Poland itself, the various Jewish communities are completely isolated from each other. All reports of alleged Jewish delegations from Berlin or Vienna reaching Warsaw are false. No contact exists even between the Jews in Old Germany and those in Austria.

Bread rations for Jews in Warsaw have been reduced to approximately half a pound, per person per week. Jewish ration cards are colored differently from those issued to Poles and they permit purchase of bread only in Jewish bakeries, of which only a few are allowed to operate.

Jewish bakeries are the last to be supplied with flour. As a result, many Jews return home empty-handed after long hours of waiting in line for their ration. Days often go by with many Jews unable to purchase bread.

Adding to the famine conditions is the fact that all available foodstuffs are being shipped by the Nazis into the Reich interior. Deaths from starvation are reported to be increasing daily, with no prospects for improvement in the near future as it will be at least six months before the new crop is harvested.

A neutral diplomat just arrived here from a visit to Warsaw said he hardly recognized the former Polish capital, particularly the Jewish quarter, which he said had been virtually wiped out.

The diplomat confirmed reports that the Jews were being treated as entirely outside the law. He said their position can be summarized in one phrase: "They are under the law of the jungle."

Nazis still broke into Jewish homes, plundering them with impunity, he said. Jews who tried to obtain receipts for confiscated property were, the diplomat reported, brutally treated.

A famous kosher restaurant on Marszalkowska Street, it was learned, was "Aryanized" by the Nazis in 15 minutes. A group of German officers entered the restaurant during the lunch hour and gave the proprietors and customers that much time to clear out.

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Reds Drive Chassidic Leader From Belz

TRIESTE, Italy, March 11. (JTA) -- Word was received here today that the Belzer Rebbe, Chassidic spiritual leader, and his family have been driven from the city of Belz, Soviet Poland, by Communist youths and have been interned in Brody. The Chassidic Court over which the rabbi presided was destroyed.

JEWISH GROUPS INVITED TO SEND ENVOYS TO POLISH GOVERNMENT

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations have been invited to send representatives to the Polish Government-in-exile at Angers, it was announced today, to participate in work which includes the Polish Red Cross, Franco-Polish military operations, the World Union of Poles Abroad and the Association of Friends of Poland.

EMIGRATION OF 250 JEWS DAILY STILL NAZI GOAL IN PROTECTORATE, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities are still pressing for the emigration of 250 Jews daily from Bohemia-Moravia, it was reported in The Times today by a correspondent who recently visited the Protectorate.

The correspondent said that since the Nazi invasion the Jewish population of the Protectorate had decreased from 175,000 to 76,000 as of last October and an estimated 5,000 more Jews have left since that date.

"The most insistent drive against the Jewish population," the writer declared, "is to force them out of the country. Bohemia was to be Judenrein this month in order to celebrate the first anniversary of the Protectorate. Those left without means have been warned to make their way out under pain of being transported to the enclave in Poland."

Measures against the Jews, the correspondent said, were being effected without recourse to legislation and simply by Gestapo fiat. Property of Jewish organizations has been confiscated and there have been wholesale dismissals of Jews from employment. Jews are forbidden to be on the streets after certain hours, are barred from restaurants and cafes and may not be treated at State hospitals. Jewish children are admitted to Czech schools up to four per cent of the total enrollment.

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Refugees Seek Haven in Holland

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- Reports that Jews in western Germany would be deported to Poland have stimulated a new stream of refugees into The Netherlands, the Daily Mail reported today from The Hague.

Many of the refugees have family and business relations in Holland, enabling them to cross the frontier. Many others have been arrested by the German and the Dutch police and several of them have been sent back to Germany.

'AUSTRIA OFFICE' FORMED IN LONDON AS LINK TO ANTI-NAZIS IN VIENNA

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- An "Austria Office" was organized here today by refugee Socialists, Monarchists and other anti-Nazis for the purpose of establishing relations with anti-Nazis in Austria and spreading propaganda there.

Among those present was Sir George Franckenstein, former Austrian Minister to Great Britain but now a British subject.

"We are getting information out of Austria," he said after the meeting. "I think there can be no doubt that the majority of the people in Austria are opposed to a Nazi regime."

CZECH JEWS SET UP 'MASARYK-GASTER FUND' IN LONDON

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- Creation of a "Masaryk-Gaster Fund" was announced here last night at a memorial meeting organized by the Federation of Czechoslovakian Jews in observance of the 90th anniversary of the Czech liberator and the first anniversary of the death of Haham Gaster, the noted Jewish sage.

Proceeds of the fund will be used to assist in the emigration and settlement of refugees from Czechoslovakia, thousands of whom are outside the scope of existing refugee funds. It is hoped to raise £10,000, chiefly to assist refugees to emigrate to Palestine.

Jan Masaryk, son of the late Thomas G. Masaryk, declared at the meeting that "your cause is my cause," asserted there was bound to be a free nation of Czechoslovakia after the war where Jews could return and affirmed his conviction that the war would go on until Hitler was destroyed.

Neville Laski, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, expressed the opinion that if Czechoslovakia is not reconstituted after the war the Jews could not hope to resume the position in Europe which they once held. He said that no state in the world could have treated the Jews better than Czechoslovakia.

CHILEAN PRELATE WHO HIT RACISM WRITES BOOK CHARGING JEWS SEEK RULE THROUGH FREEMASONRY

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 6. (JTA - Airmail) -- Archbishop Jose M. Caro, highest Catholic dignitary in Chile, attacks the Jews as the real force behind Freemasonry in his new book "The Mystery of Freemasonry." In an interview published in the newspaper Vea today Monsenor Caro charges that "world Jewry used Freemasonry as an instrument to dominate the world." Only a few weeks ago the Archbishop assailed racism and the Nazi racial doctrine.

CHILE ORDERS REFUGEES WITH TOURIST VISAS TO LEAVE

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 6. (JTA - Airmail) -- Chilean newspapers today published a Government notice informing all persons staying in Chile on tourist visas valid for 3 or 6 months to leave the country. Approximately 500 foreigners, mostly Jewish refugees from European countries, will be affected by the measure.

FIRE RAZES 21 HOUSES IN RUMANIAN CITY'S JEWISH QUARTER

BUCHAREST, March 11. (JTA) -- Twenty-one houses were destroyed by a fire which swept through the densely populated Jewish district in the city of Dorohoi, it was reported here today. Many Jewish families lost all their belongings and many shops were completely burned. Damage was estimated at several million lei.

TEL AVIV GROWING DESPITE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC TROUBLES, MAYOR REPORTS

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- This city has continued its growth in the face of political and economic difficulties and amid a serious crisis, Mayor Israel Rokach told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview here.

The population increased by at least 15,000 during 1939, the Mayor said. (The population is estimated at more than 180,000.) Building activity in the pre-war period of January to August, 1939, showed a 40 per cent increase over the previous year. Electrical energy consumption rose 30 per cent. In 1939, Tel Aviv continued as the principal contributor to Government revenue, its share being estimated at approximately L1,000,000.

After the first shock of the war dislocation, Rokach declared, Tel Aviv rallied from the depression and signs of recovery appeared from October onward. Municipal revenue during the last quarter of 1939 was L112,400 as compared with L95,485 in the same period of 1938.

The expected opening of a new section of the city in East Tel Aviv will stimulate commercial building. Final approval is about to be given to a town-planning scheme drawn up for 4,000 dunams, and a new chapter will then be opened in the history of Tel Aviv's expansion, the Mayor said. Road construction in East Tel Aviv will be started shortly.

"The Government's recent L250,000 loan, although welcome, is only a partial measure which will not permit adequate material improvements of some of the public utilities most urgently needed by the city, including a new water supply system necessitating an expenditure of L500,000," he said. "Negotiations, however, are now under way with a large Jewish corporation to make possible the materializing of this project. Plans have been prepared for financing of the project out of internal resources and through participation of interested property owners.

"If no obstacles are placed in the municipality's way, it should be possible to carry out, during the next three years, drainage projects covering half the city. Construction of public buildings to house municipal schools is another urgent need. Some L12,000 are now being spent annually on rented premises.

"The municipality is fully able to meet new commitments in connection with fresh loans. The present indebtedness is very low, amounting to L450,000, including the new L250,000 loan. Calculated per capita, this is only L2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, compared with L20 or L30 in most English and American municipalities."