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CRACOW JEWS FORCED TO PAY 400,000-ZLOTY LEVY

TRIESTE, March 14. (JTA) -- An enforced contribution of 400,000 zlotys was levied on the Jews of Cracow in Nazi-occupied Poland on Feb. 29, according to private advices received here today.

Two versions were current in Cracow regarding what was to be done with the money. One was that it was to be used for facilitating emigration of Jewish youth, the other that it was to be used for buying equipment, including boots and shovels, for those Jews in the compulsory labor corps who could not afford them.

Instructions regarding the procedure for recruiting Jews for forced labor through out the Polish Government-General have been issued in Cracow.

Every "Jewish council" must nominate a Jewish physician who will be responsible for medical examination of Jews liable for forced labor, the instructions state. Jewish doctors who declare Jews unfit for forced labor without the corroborating report of a German doctor are subject to severe punishment.

Jews between the ages of 12 and 60 must report to the recruiting commission equipped with two changes of clothing, at least two pairs of shoes, a pair of high boots, underwear and provisions for two days.

All Jewish employees of the Suchard chocolate factory in Cracow have been dismissed. The factory is now controlled by the German army. Jews are being evicted from their homes in Cracow to make room for Germans repatriated from the Baltic countries.

POLAND'S ANTI-SEMITISM PAVED WAY FOR QUICK NAZI VICTORY, POLISH COUNCIL TOLD

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- Declaring the former Polish Government's anti-Semitic policy was one of the factors responsible for Germany's quick victory, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbard, Jewish member of the Polish National Council--Poland's Parliament-in-exile--demanded in a speech to the council yesterday that the Jews be accorded better treatment in the future Polish State.

Dr. Schwartzbard announced that at the forthcoming debate on the budget he intended to formulate a number of demands, including creation of a department for Jewish affairs in the present Polish Cabinet and inclusion of Jews in the Government's administrative staff.

After the Jewish deputy's 40-minute address, General Ghelichovski declared from the tribune that if he were a Jew he would have delivered a similar speech. The speech and the Government members' comment created an impression on the Council members.

Dr. Schwartzbard said that this being his first address before the Council he felt it necessary to point out that he represented no special Jewish group or party but considered himself as a fighter for the interests of the entire Jewish population of Poland. Endorsing the statement of Premier Wladislaw Sikorski that the Polish Jews had tied up their fate with the fate of the Polish nation, he expressed the hope that this would lead to mutual obligations.

"Polish Jewry," he said, "is making and will make all sacrifices, but it expects also better treatment now as well as in the future Polish State. The victory of France and England is now the main interest of the present Polish generation."

Reviewing past events, Dr. Schwartzbard said that the anti-Semitic policy of the OZON (Camp of National Unity) Government was among the principal factors responsible for Germany's quick victory over Poland since the OZON was inclined to be pro-German, thus paralyzing politically and economically the Polish resistance against Nazism.

"The Jews, who were proclaimed by the OZON as the enemies of Poland, are now fighting in the ranks of the Polish army, while the German 'friend' is plundering and enslaving the Polish people," he asserted. "Such is the outcome of the policy of the former Polish Government."

The Jewish representative praised the intentions of the present provisional Government but said he expected action and preparations for a change in the atmosphere of the Polish people regarding the Jewish people.

He pointed out that the Jews had volunteered in the Polish army in France from all parts of the world, including Palestine, Belgium, the Netherlands and other neutral countries. He demanded that a spirit of brotherhood prevail in the Polish Army's ranks and that the anti-Semitic propaganda conducted by some elements be eliminated.

SLOVAKIAN PARLIAMENT PASSES ANTI-JEWISH ECONOMIC LAWS

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- Severe anti-Jewish economic laws have been adopted by the Slovakian Parliament, it was reported here today. The laws, framed under Nazi pressure, include the following provisions:

(1) No trade or artisanship licenses may henceforth be issued to Jews; (2) Licenses already issued may be withdrawn; (3) Jews can be compelled by law to "Aryanize" their enterprises; (4) Establishment of a numerus clausus setting the proportion of Jews that can be employed in any commercial undertaking.

HIMMLER NAMED CHIEF RESETTLEMENT COMMISSAR FOR REICH

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- Nazi police chief Heinrich Himmler has been named Chief Resettlement Commissar for the Reich, it was reported here today. Himmler's new assignment means that in the future all orders for deportation of Jews will come directly from him.

Appointment of a new Nazi commissar for the Lublin Jewish "reservation" in Poland was also reported here. He is Herr Zoerner, one of Hitler's earliest collaborators and until recently Mayor of Dresden.

TROPER, HERE FOR TALKS WITH J.D.C. LEADERS, SEES RECORD FAMINES AHEAD FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- The European continent is fast moving towards becoming one of the greatest famine areas in modern history, it was declared today in a shipboard statement by Morris C. Troper, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, who arrived on the Rex.

Troper came for a series of conferences with J.D.C. officials, to report on current conditions among refugees in Western Europe and the problems of war relief in Poland, and to take part in the opening of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. He has just completed a tour of most of the countries in Europe in which the J.D.C. conducts programs of assistance.

Troper, who was recently decorated by the French Government for his work among the refugees, said: "The European continent is fast moving towards becoming one of the greatest famine areas in modern history, with its concomitant effect upon the lives and future of hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children. Minority groups are the first and greatest sufferers. Large masses of the population especially in the occupied war areas in Eastern Europe are threatened with extinction on a scale heretofore unheard of and in a way which makes of the Black Hole of Calcutta a blessing.

"Lack of food, clothing, shelter, medical supplies are daily creating unparalleled misery begging description and unless help is brought on a really sizeable scale and quickly, these unfortunate people are doomed and may, in addition, in the course of their destruction, scatter sickness and epidemics to all quarters of the continent without possibility of control.

"Thousands upon thousands of children made homeless through the war with little or no hope of ever again rejoining their families must be cared for if we are not to have a recurrence of the wild children of the recent twenties. Lack of clothing and the restrictions against Jews purchasing them will soon result in men and women walking the streets in indescribable shabbiness, without stockings and without shoes, not to mention the countless thousands who in time--and that time is not far off--will not be able to cover their bodies sufficiently to make it possible for them to show themselves outside their dingy sleeping quarters."

Discussing the conditions of refugees in Western Europe, Troper said: "In the refugee countries, some of which are at war, others neutral, but all mobilized and facing the prospect of being catapulted into war at any moment, the refugee committees

are experiencing a gradual diminishing of local assistance while costs for feeding and housing refugees are continuously rising with the result that greater support must be found from governments and outside organizations. The various plans to move some of these refugees to places of permanent settlement have been interrupted through the outbreak of the war, but it is hoped that many of these plans will be revised so as to remove the tension in these countries.

"It is naturally most desirable and highly essential that Palestine continue to take its normal quota of these people and that something may be done to increase the legitimate possibilities in that direction to meet the crying need opened up by the whole Polish situation.

"To those who wish to be of assistance in this crisis, it is plain that only unprecedented generosity will enable even a minimal approach to the problem of refugees and war relief and it is to be hoped therefore that the United Jewish Appeal will be most successful in its present efforts."

NAZIS BAN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION PERMITS IN PROTECTORATE

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Prague have issued new regulations covering emigration of Jews from the Protectorate, it was learned here today.

The regulations forbid Jews to make individual applications for emigration permits to the various Nazi offices on the ground that Nazi officials are to have no direct contact with Jews.

Applicants for permits are advised to apply through the Central Emigration Office established by the Prague Jewish Community at the orders of the Nazi authorities. This office, the regulations specify, "will attend to all necessary formalities and negotiations with the respective State officials."

Another ordinance issued by the Nazi authorities provides that Jews receiving pensions from the Czech Government are to come under the recent decree under which payments to Jews in the Protectorate must be made through blocked accounts in special assigned banks and not in cash or directly. Under the new ordinance, each pensioner will be obliged to sign the following declaration for the Ministry of Finance: "I hereby declare that I am a Jew in accordance with Paragraph 6 of the provisions issued by the Reichsprotector, and I ask that my pension be transferred to the blocked account opened for me."

45 REFUGEES, FIRST OF POPE-SPONSORED GROUP, ARRIVE IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 14. (JTA) -- Forty-five refugees, German Jews converted to Catholicism, arrived here today as the first group of several hundred Catholic refugees being admitted to Brazil by President Getulio Vargas at the request of the Pope. Immigration Department officials took charge of the group pending a decision by the Government as to their disposition.

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BRITISH REFUGEE FUND LISTS DONATIONS OF £183,000

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- A total of £183,000 has been raised to date by the Central Council for Jewish Refugees in its current campaign, it was announced today. Contributions include £25,000 each by the Rothschild, Bearsted and Marks families and £10,000 by Lieut.-Col. Charles Waley Cohen. An anonymous gift of £5,000 is also listed.

POPE HIT AT PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN VATICAN TALK WITH NAZI LEADER

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- A Rome dispatch to the New York Times reported today that Pope Pius spoke "burning words" on the question of religious persecution during his talk with Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop on Monday and "also came to the defense of the Jews in Germany and Poland." The dispatch added that all authorities were agreed that "crux of the whole interview was the Pope's insistence that there could be no peace until Germany had righted the injustice she had done."

DEMOCRACY GROUP HOLDS COUGHLIN STIRS ANTI-CATHOLIC FEELING

KANSAS CITY, March 14. (JTA) -- The Friends of Democracy has begun distribution of a 28-page brochure entitled: "Father Coughlin: Self-Condemed," which accuses the Detroit priest of provoking anti-Catholic sentiment, "inciting to riot and revolution" over the radio and making "vicious assaults on minority groups," National Director L.M. Birkhead announced today.

ILLEGAL ENTRANTS TO BE COUNTED AGAINST NEW PALESTINE QUOTA, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- The number of illegal immigrants to Palestine who cannot be deported will be deducted from the next Palestine immigration schedule, the House of Commons was told yesterday by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald. The deduction, MacDonald said, will be in accordance with provisions in the White Paper on Palestine. He added that he was now consulting with High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael on the schedule for the ensuing half year but could not give details on how the quota would be calculated beyond the deductions for the illegal entrants.

Pacifist Body Urges Freedom For Near East Lands

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Complete independence for Palestine, the Transjordan and Syria is demanded in a pamphlet, "Peace Now," just issued by the War Resisters' International, of which George Lansbury is chairman.

A plea for creation of Jewish military units was voiced last night by Meir Grossman, Jewish State Party leader in Palestine, at a meeting of the Anglo-Palestine Club presided over by Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson. Grossman, urging strengthening of the Jewish position in Palestine, said the Jews should "openly and frankly" tell the Mandatory Power that they were out to break all restrictions, whether on immigration or land purchase.

FASCIST CRUSHED IN BRITISH BY-ELECTION

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Another British Fascist was snowed under in a by-election today when Sydney Allen, representing Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union (formerly British Union of Fascists) was defeated by a 25,000-vote majority by J.J. Craik Henderson, Conservative, in the Northeast Division of Leeds. Tom Moran, a Fascist candidate, was overwhelmed in the Silvertown by-election on Feb. 25, won by a Laborite.