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### OVER 50 SLAIN IN LODZ POGROM; SHARP MORTALITY RISE IN WARSAW

COPENHAGEN, April 3.(JTA) -- More than 50 Jews were slain in a Nazi-inspired pogrom in the ghetto.Balut quarter of Lodz, Nazi-annexed Poland, it was reliably learned here today.

The pogrom lasted from March 8 to 10. Original reports said that 18 Jews were killed and more than 200 wounded in the excesses.

The transfer of Lodz Jews to the Balut ghetto has been completed, it was learned. No Jews are now allowed to appear outside the ghetto, which is harboring an estimated 100,000 persons. Jews are forbidden also to leave Lodz or the entire annexed territory, of which Lodz is the largest city.

Meanwhile, a tenfold increase in Jewish mortality is reported from Warsaw, where the daily death rate has mounted to 200 compared to the normal winter average of 20.

With the Jewish population of the city practically doubled (the pre-war figure was 333,000) by the influx of refugees from the provinces, housing conditions are appalling. Overcongestion and complete lack of sanitary facilities are creating conditions most favorable to the spread of disease and epidemics among a Jewish population that is suffering physical exhaustion because of lack of food, chiefly fats.

The food condition for Warsaw Jews is daily growing worse. Jews are permitted a ration of 300 grams of bread each in two days. The open market prices of bread, potatoes and other necessities are too high, however, not only for the poor but even for members of the middleclass. Meat is completely unavailable, the Germans shipping all cattle to the Reich.

Owing to a lack of medicaments, even the slightest illness is likely to have fatal results among the Jews, who are barred from the hospitals and may only be treated at home. The small number of overworked Jewish physicians are unable to cope with the overwhelming number of calls or to render effective aid because of the lack of facilities.

Because of a shortage of the most elementary necessities, such as soap, even the doctors are unable properly to sterilize themselves after visiting cases of contagious disease.

One of the most tragic aspects of the Warsaw situation is the constant increase in the number of mental cases. The Jewish insane asylum Zofjowka, at Otwock, is so overcrowded that many patients are not receiving treatment. The asylum is without even a supply of sedatives.

Similar conditions prevail in all Warsaw hospitals for mental diseases, which are no longer accepting new patients. Hundreds of hungry, insane Jews and Jewesses are roaming the streets unprotected, crying for food and presenting a heartrending spectacle to passersby who are unable to help.

Warsaw streets still present a shocking picture of filth, destruction and decay despite months of conscripting labor for cleaning. The authorities ordered the Jewish Community to supply Jewish labor brigades but did not provide tools, the Jews being forced to supply their own primitive tools or work with bare hands.

Despite the fact that the Community daily supplies the authorities with 600 Jewish labor conscripts, the hunting of Jews and Jewesses of all ages for forced labor continues. It has developed into a flourishing racket, in which the conscript hunters free Jews who are prepared to pay a ransom.

In addition to the unofficial robbery during searches of Jewish houses, the authorities are officially confiscating Jewish furniture which is stored in the buildings of the former Polski Bank. It is presumed that the furniture will be distributed among the repatriated Baltic Germans as "gifts from the Fuehrer."

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#### Agudath Israel to Ship Matzoth

LONDON, April 3.(JTA) -- The Agudath Israel, Jewish religious organization, announced today that it is arranging to ship 10,000 parcels of matzoth to Poland from Hungary, Rumania and Lithuania.

#### FREE LOAN SOCIETY LAUNCHED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BY LAMPORT

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, April 1.(JTA-Airmail) -- The first free loan society for the refugee settlement project at Sosua has been established as a result of the visit of Arthur M. Lamport, New York banker.

Lamport, after a survey of the colonization site, proposed the establishment of a loan society with an initial capital investment of \$5,000 as a concrete measure to aid the settlers. Two Jewish citizens of Ciudad Trujillo, Abraham Staiman and Leopold Kohn, offered to contribute to the undertaking.

#### SECRET RADIO IN PALESTINE ATTACKS LAND ORDINANCE

LONDON, April 3.(JTA) -- The fact that a still undiscovered Hebrew radio transmitter in Palestine is continuing to attack the land ordinance and the police for suppressing demonstrations following its issuance was revealed today in a statement by the Dominions and Colonial Department of the Ministry of Information.

The department also reports that Palestine has been quiet since March 8 except for an attack on a Jewish-owned truck March 27, when one Jew was killed and one wounded.

The Jews, the statement asserts, are adopting a "less uncompromising" attitude toward the land act, the leaders "realizing the harm done to the Zionist cause by the earlier violent manifestations."

#### EUROPEAN TOURISTS BARRED FROM MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 1.(JTA-Airmail) -- A new Interior Ministry regulation went into effect today prohibiting entry of European tourists, visitors, students and "rentists" (persons supported by relatives). It was semi-officially explained that the measure was taken because many persons remained in Mexico without permission and could not be deported. The ban was aimed particularly against "rentists" who used Mexico as a stopping-off place for entry into the United States.

(A United Press dispatch, quoted in JTA NEWS April 2, said the Mexican measure applied to European "capitalists.")

#### DICKSTEIN DENIES HE EMPLOYED NAZI AGENT

WASHINGTON, April 3.(JTA) -- Rep. Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.) today branded an article in Liberty Magazine written by Joachim F. Paffrath a fabrication and said that Paffrath, admitted Nazi agent, had never worked in his office.

Dickstein said he was turning over all information on Paffrath in his possession to the Labor Department and asking for cancellation of papers and his deportation. Paffrath became a citizen three years ago, and at that time, Dickstein said, he was an admitted spy.

Dickstein said he only met Paffrath on one occasion, that he never placed any confidence in him, and charged that Paffrath took two blank checks from Dickstein's desk and forged them through the use of Congressional franking stamps. He failed to report the theft to the police, Dickstein said, because the checks were for only small amounts.

Dickstein said he intended to bring suit against Liberty Magazine "which has tried to make me look like a fool." He has asked the Dies Committee to subpoena Paffrath and compel him to give the names of other Nazi agents in this country.

Paffrath said in the article that while a Nazi agent he obtained a position with Dickstein on an expense account and an additional daily amount from an anti-Nazi organization. He said he spied on persons bringing information to Dickstein's office, "had the run of Dickstein's office," supplied Dickstein with relatively unimportant information about Nazi activities and even drafted notes for a radio speech which the Congressman delivered.

REYNAUD HITS NAZI RACIAL PERSECUTION IN RADIO TALK TO U.S.

PARIS, April 3.(JTA) -- Premier Paul Reynaud, in his English-language broadcast to the United States tonight pledging the Allies to "strike with such energy that there will be no blackout of civilization," condemned racial persecution in Germany.

"I will say, 'No counterfeit peace!'" the Premier asserted. "Hitler's Germany will not succeed in selling us that counterfeit, and as for other counterfeits, we leave them to her. May she keep the horrid counterfeit for true religion which she calls racial cult and the no less counterfeit for order which she calls the Gestapo.

"Our way of living, of which I spoke a moment ago, does not get along with such creations. In France a priest or pastor is not thrown into prison because he serves another master than the head of the State. In France a child is not snatched from his family by the party in power and compelled to denounce his parents. We have no Gestapo to alienate citizen from citizen, 'Aryan' from 'non-Aryan,' man from God. To tell the truth, we are proud of defending a cause like ours from such an enemy."

TRIAL OF FRONTISTS OPENS IN FEDERAL COURT

NEW YORK, April 3.(JTA) -- Trial of 17 Christian Front members and supporters accused of conspiracy to overthrow the Government opened today before Judge Marcus B. Campbell in Brooklyn Federal Court, with one jury member being tentatively chosen in the first day of the proceedings.

Selection of the jury is expected to be completed tomorrow. United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy said he would seek a completely Protestant jury because Catholics and Jews might be prejudiced. The public was barred from the courtroom.

WASHINGTON JUDGES 'TOO BUSY' TO HEAR PELLEY PLEA ON EXTRADITION

WASHINGTON, April 3.(JTA) -- Habeas corpus proceedings brought by William Dudley Pelley to prevent his extradition to North Carolina were postponed until tomorrow when every District of Columbia judge said today he was "too busy" to hear the case.

SHARE IN U.P.A. FUNDS FOR PALESTINE REVISIONISTS URGED BY JABOTINSKY

NEW YORK, April 3.(JTA) -- A share of the United Palestine Appeal's funds for the Zionist-Revisionists in Palestine was demanded tonight by Vladimir Jabotinsky, president of the New Zionist Organization, speaking at a rally in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It was his last address here before leaving for a tour of South America.

Jabotinsky said that although the Revisionists comprised an important part of Palestine's Jewish population they were treated like "Israel's step-children." The UPA, he said, was not a truly united appeal because the Revisionists were excluded. The N.Z.O. leader also urged Jews to provide funds to help Reich Jews escape expulsion to Lublin by transporting them to Palestine. "You raise the funds and the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine will show you how," he said.