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### NEW MASS ARRESTS IN WARSAW; DEATH RATE IN LWOW PUT AT 250 DAILY

PARIS, April 7. (JTA) -- Intensified Nazi terrorism against Jews and Poles in Warsaw and a mounting death rate in Soviet-held Poland were reported today by the Polish Government-in-exile.

The Nazi authorities in the former Polish capital were said to have resumed mass arrests of Jews and Poles. Warsaw jails were reported to be crowded to overflowing, with the inmates including persons arrested in the first days of the Nazi occupation who are still awaiting disposition of their cases.

The Sejm, Polish Parliament, is said to have been converted into a Nazi court, with death sentences being carried out on the premises.

Women of 15 to 40 have reportedly been ordered by the Nazi authorities to register for forced labor. The order, signed by Warsaw District Leader Barth, exempts Jewish women, leading to the belief that the conscripts are intended for transportation to the Reich.

Starvation and lack of medical care and sanitary facilities were reported responsible for an average daily death rate of 250 in Lwow, Soviet-occupied Poland.

The Government communique said also that up to March 1 a total of 200,000 persons had been transferred to the Soviet interior from the Galician cities of Lwow, Przemyśl, Stanislawow and Tarnapol.

### SOVIET EASES DRIVE ON RELIGION; NEW POLICY HOLDS PROSPERITY RULES OUT NEED OF HEAVEN

PARIS, April 7. (JTA) -- A marked change in the Soviet attitude toward religion is announced in Pravda, Communist Party organ, copies of which have reached Paris from Moscow.

No longer will a drive be conducted against ministers and rabbis, nor will administrative pressure be used to fight religion, Pravda states. "Our new policy is based on the simple fact that when people are economically well provided for on earth, then they do not look for aid from heaven."

The Communist organ publishes a declaration by the Propaganda department of Bezbozhnik, the militant Soviet atheist organization, admitting that the methods of administrative pressure which it has used during the past 20 years are "nothing but an imitation of the methods usually used by the capitalists and represent an attitude basically contradictory to the teachings of Lenin and Stalin."

The declaration informs members of Bezbozhnik that their principal aim henceforth should be to see to it that Soviet citizens who are religiously inclined should have their economic situation improved to the point where they feel that it is the Soviet, not any god, who is helping them.

The Soviet statement, coming as it does a few weeks before Passover, is of particular interest to the Jews since in previous years the Bezbozhnik organization has conducted a pre-Passover drive against the Jewish religion.

It remains to be seen whether the new policy will be applied to Soviet-occupied Poland, where in recent months the anti-religious campaign has reportedly assumed tremendous proportions.

#### ORT NEW YORK DRIVE MERGED WITH LOCAL U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Merger of the New York campaigns of the American ORT Federation and the United Jewish Appeal was announced today at an all-day conference of the Labor and Peoples Committee of the ORT.

The merger, it was emphasized, applies only to the local organizations and does not affect the campaigns of both groups outside of the Greater New York area.

Announcement of the merger followed a series of conferences held by committees representing the ORT and the U.J.A. A joint statement on the development was issued by Edward M.M. Warburg, co-chairman of the New York U.J.A. campaign, and Edgar Salinger, chairman of the local ORT drive.

Delegates representing trade unions, fraternal and other Jewish organizations attended the conference, called to discuss the position of Jews in central and eastern Europe. Scheduled speakers included Lord Marley, British Laborite leader; Adolph Held, president of the Amalgamated Bank, and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

#### STATUE OF MOSES TO BE RAZED IN PRAGUE; ITS METAL TO BE USED FOR WAR

PARIS, April 7. (JTA) -- Decision to remove a statue of Moses opposite the famous Altneu synagogue in Prague and a plan to melt it down for war purposes, is reported by Der Neue Tag, Nazi organ in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate. The monument at City Hall to Rabbi Judah ben Bezalel Loewe, famous 18th century chief rabbi of Prague, will also be razed, the paper states. According to Jewish legend, Rabbi Loewe was a miracle worker who created the "Golem," out of clay, to save the Jews of Prague from being slaughtered in a pogrom.

50,000 ALIENS IN WILNO AREA NEED PUBLIC AID, SURVEY FINDS

KAUNAS, April 7. (JTA) -- A special commission sent by the Interior Ministry to Wilno to survey the situation of refugees from Poland reported today that 50,000 of the 90,000 aliens living in the Wilno district were in distress and required public assistance. The report said 1,500,000 liths were required for direct relief and declared the problem could only be solved by the cooperation of the Red Cross and other private relief organizations.

Meanwhile, the Wilno Red Cross decided to enlarge the Jewish section of the Red Cross, which is responsible for relief among Jewish war sufferers in the district. The Wilno Jewish Community is putting its entire welfare department staff at the disposal of the Red Cross Jewish Section.

NEW BOOK SEES HITLER MENTAL KIN TO FOUNDER OF SADISM

PARIS, April 7. (JTA) -- The Sorlot Publishing House announced today the forthcoming publication of an anti-Nazi book, "Hitler and the Marquis de Sade," by Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl, well-known journalist and author. The book establishes the psychological similarity between the Nazi Fuehrer and the Marquis, from whom love of cruelty, sadism, derived its name.

4,000 'ENEMY ALIENS' TO GET BRITISH CITIZENSHIP; APPLIED BEFORE WAR

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- The Home Office, it was learned today, has decided to permit naturalization of "enemy aliens" who applied for citizenship before the war. The number is estimated at 4,000, of whom many are refugees who have resided in England for five years.

In view of the detailed police and other inquiries necessary before naturalization is granted, it is expected that these cases will not be handled rapidly. Since the war an additional 2,000 have applied for citizenship, but these applications will not be considered before disposition of all the others.

Continued bullying of Jews by Nazi war prisoners in British internment camps was described today by Reynolds' News, which reported that anti-Nazi refugees have demanded that they be separated from other prisoners, particularly as the Nazis are likely to become a majority in most camps with the progress of the war.

GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION AWARDS 73 FELLOWSHIPS

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- Several Jews are among the 73 persons awarded fellowships by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, according to the 1940 list made public today. The foundation, established in 1925 by ex-Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim as a memorial to a son, has granted 913 fellowships and \$2,082,000 in stipends to assist original work by scholars and artists.

Among the Jews receiving fellowships are: Marc Blitzstein, composer and author; Herman J. Broch, refugee from Vienna and author of two novels; Delmore Schwartz, poet; Alfred Kazin, book reviewer of the New York Herald Tribune; Dr. Nathan Reich, Hunter College economics instructor; and Dr. Hans Kohn, Smith College history professor.

The Guggenheim fellowships are granted to scholars and artists who by previous work have shown themselves to be persons of unusual ability.

## OFFERED TO AID BRITAIN KEEP NAZI AGENTS OUT OF PALESTINE, N.Z.O. STATES

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The New Zionist Organization stated today that its London headquarters had written to Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald on March 21 offering its facilities to prevent Nazi agents from entering Palestine as immigrants. The N.Z.O. statement referred to MacDonald's assertion in the House of Commons yesterday, when asked why he had not accepted Jewish organizations' offers of aid: "I am unaware of that, but I am certain that if any offers of help had been made those offers would have been accepted."

## LOCAL FIRM DONATES MATZOTH SUPPLY TO FINNISH JEWS

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- In response to an appeal of the Helsinki Jewish Community for 4,000 kilograms of matzoth for the Finnish Jews, cabled to New York through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the B. Manischewitz Company is sending a supply of matzoth to Finland, it was disclosed today. Finnish Consul-General Kaarlo Kussamo and Dr. Simon Federbusch, former Finnish Chief Rabbi, have visited the company's plant in Jersey City to observe the packing.

## DRIVE TO AID GALICIAN JEWS LAUNCHED AT PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates and guests attended the fourth annual convention today of the United Galician Jews of America, which launched a campaign for funds to aid co-religionists in Europe. Scheduled speakers included President Sol Low, Secretary Solomon Kerstein, Chief Rabbi Simon Federbusch of Finland and Grand Master Samuel Goldstein of the Independent Order Brith Abraham.

## TEL AVIV TO GET L250,000 GOVERNMENT LOAN SOON

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- After the completion of preliminary formalities, it is expected here that a Government loan of L250,000 will shortly be granted Tel Aviv.

Of this sum, L100,000 will be used to finance public works projects. The remainder will be earmarked for repayment of debts accumulated in recent years. The loan will be part of the general L750,000 credit announced by the Government two months ago. It carries a 3½ per cent interest rate.

An estimated 1,000 persons are expected to be employed on the first public works projects made possible by the loan.

## JEWISH RED CROSS EXPANDS SERVICE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- The Red Mogen David, Palestine's counterpart of the Red Cross, announced today expansion of its service because of the war. First aid courses for air raid precautions workers will shortly be arranged.

During the five years of the society's existence, 700 persons attended its first-aid courses and 500 passed its tests, of whom 250 are now on the active volunteer list. Last May, the society took over first-aid services at Hadassah Hospital.

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TREES PLANTED FOR VAN VRIESLAND PARK IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- The first trees of a 4-acre Van Vriesland Park, in memory of Siegfried van Vriesland, general manager of the Tel Aviv port and of the Palestine Potash Company, who died Dec. 4, 1939, were planted Friday by the American Zion Commonwealth in the presence of Mrs. van Vriesland, friends and members of the Municipal Council prior to Mrs. van Vriesland's departure for the United States.

MORE YOUTH ALIYAH REFUGEES DISPATCHED TO PALESTINE

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- A party of eight refugee young persons have left for Palestine from London under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah organization. All 1,500 young refugees who received immigration certificates under the last schedule are now in Palestine or en route, including a party of 169 from the Greater Reich who were selected and trained before the outbreak of the war.

It is understood that the Palestine Government is now considering the request of the Youth Aliyah Department of the Central Bureau for Settlement of German Jews in Palestine for a large number of additional certificates for children and youths.

BRITISH FASCIST JAILED FOR ANTI-SEMITIC SLURS

LONDON, April 7. (JTA) -- A Fascist editor, Alexander Raven Thompson, was sentenced yesterday to a £25 fine or six weeks' imprisonment for using insulting anti-Semitic language in addressing a street meeting in Finsbury Square.

JEWISH VETERANS IN SO. AFRICA SPUR DRIVE FOR WAR VOLUNTEERS

JOHANNESBURG, April 7. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the South African Jewish Ex-Servicemen's League today pledged its members to continue a recruiting campaign to see "that every able-bodied Jew joins the Army." The meeting stressed the Jews' enthusiastic response so far to the military service call. It was revealed that in one Rand regiment 48 per cent of the troops are Jews.

NAZI PAPER HITS COURT RULING FAVORABLE TO JEWS

AMSTERDAM, April 7. (JTA) -- Das Schwarze Korps, organ of the German elite guard, attacks the decision of a Berlin court ruling that payment for holidays must be made to Jews since the rules governing wages and holiday payment are "not concerned with personal matters and racial origin."

The Nazi organ declares that because of a labor shortage, Jews remaining in Germany must also be put to work, but "Jews are rewarding German magnanimity by legal actions for full payment for national and other holidays."

The paper cites with satisfaction a different ruling, that of the labor court at Velbert, Rhineland, rejecting a Jew's claim for Christmas and New Year's pay on the ground that the regulations stipulate holiday payments are to be made to "collaborators in the Fuehrer's work of reconstruction," which, the court said, could not be interpreted as including Jews.