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RECORD POPULATION SHIFT GOING ON IN POLAND, DECLARES RED CROSS OFFICIAL AFTER TOUR

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- James T. Nicholson of the Red Cross, first American to make an extensive tour of German-occupied Poland, declared in an interview today that a mass movement of populations unprecedented in world history was going on in Poland.

It is the announced policy of the German Government to remove from the Reich-annexed area of Poland every Jew, Pole, Ukrainian--everyone except "pure Germans"--and dump them in the Polish "Government-General," said Nicholson, who returned last week after spending six months in Europe conducting relief operations for the American Red Cross.

Nazi Governor-General Hans Frank has been notified that he may expect between two and three million more people in the Government-General, which comprises the area around Warsaw, as the Germans proceed with their forced mass migrations, Nicholson declared.

He quoted Frank, who is responsible only to Hitler, as saying that the reconstruction of the Government-General, so that it would become economically self-sustaining--upon which Hitler insists--cannot be accomplished without the aid of the Jews.

"The Jews," Frank told Nicholson, "comprised the commercial people of Poland. The Poles aren't able to engage in commerce, so we can't accomplish our task without the Jews. If they behave, we'll leave them alone."

Asked about mass executions in Poland, Nicholson said: "That's not in my parish." He explained that the Red Cross still had "to do business" in Poland, that Red Cross representatives were still in the Nazi-occupied area and that the Allies had just given permission for \$250,000 more in relief supplies to go through the blockade.

The Red Cross representative, who was the only American to visit the Lublin Jewish "reservation," said that the so-called reservation was "a myth." The Germans, he said, may have contemplated such a reservation, but have never carried it out to the point of concentrating all Jews there.

"I saw them everywhere," he said, "but none behind stockades. In the streets they could be easily identified because they were forced to wear white armbands

with the blue Star of David on them." In Cracow, he said, Jews were forced to ride in "Jim Crow" sections on street cars and buses.

But the Red Cross, he said, has insisted that all its relief be distributed impartially and the Germans, he declared, have not interfered. "In every town there is a local committee to distribute relief and there is one Jew on every committee. That's something, if you know Poland."

Nicholson said that 1,500,000 persons out of between 12,000,000 and 14,000,000 persons in the Government-General face starvation. He said 500,000 in Warsaw were in need of soup daily and that of these 150,000 were being given soup, many by the Joint Distribution Committee.

"The trouble in Lublin," he said, "is not that there is not enough food. It is that people don't have the money to pay for it any more." He told of wandering bands of people, trekking from place to place over a war-scorched land, thousands of them seeking jobs where there were none to be had.

The Germans, he said, dream of shipping 1,000,000 Poles into Germany proper for the Spring planting and the next harvest. He said he did not think this itinerant labor could be successfully transported and predicted that there would be no immediate relief of Polish unemployment.

Nicholson, who was a machine-gun lieutenant in the last war and who joined the Red Cross staff in 1919, said he had never seen anything like the mass migrations now in progress in Poland. There were hundreds of white collar workers in the Cracow area who had been shipped from Stettin with only the clothes on their backs. The problem of those expelled from Germany is more acute than that of the people who have stayed in their homes, he said.

The first time he interviewed Governor-General Frank, Nicholson reported, the Nazi official passed off the Jewish problem with the remark: "Why I have a Jew who is a shoemaker here in the castle."

"But he saw I wasn't satisfied," Nicholson continued, "and then he began to tell me that there had always been a Jewish problem in Poland, but he admitted that if he expected to make the Government-General self-supporting he would have to depend on the Jews."

From the Russian-occupied section of Poland, Nicholson said, "We've heard terrible stories, but they haven't been authenticated." He said the German and Russian Red Cross organizations had finally entered into communication with each other.

POLISH 'BLACK BOOK' HITS ATROCITIES IN NAZI HELD AREA; ALLIES TO DEMAND REPARATIONS

PARIS, April 18. (JTA) -- France, Britain and the Polish Government-in-exile have signed a declaration condemning Germany's conduct of the war in Poland and announcing their determination to exact reparations for the Nazi acts against the Poles and Jews, it was announced today.

The declaration was made public simultaneously with the first of a series of Polish "Black Books" containing photographs and eye-witness accounts of Nazi

atrocities in Poland and a Polish communique reporting that girls were being seized in the streets of Warsaw and other Polish cities to be sent to military brothels.

Text of Declaration

The text of the declaration follows:

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the French Government and the Polish Government have been deeply moved by the reports they have received on the crimes committed against persons and the damage done to properties by the German authorities and forces of occupation in Poland.

"These reports leave no room for doubt that the German Government, which on Sept. 1, 1939, began the war by brutal attack on the Polish civilian population in defiance of acknowledged principles of international law, is now applying itself to destroying not only the lives and properties but also the civilization and religion of the defenseless Polish populations who now find themselves under its control.

"Germany has gone so far as to incorporate in the Reich, in violation of the Hague International Convention, territories of the Polish Republic while the war waged by the three Allied powers is continuing.

"Mass executions, the most pitilessly barbarous transfer of a population driven from its home, establishment of Germans on Polish territory, allotment to these alien Germans, in defiance of all law, of goods belonging to Poles, confiscation of private and State properties, destruction and pillaging of historic and artistic monuments, deportation of young Polish men and women to Germany to do compulsory labor, closing of churches and persecution of religion--these things reveal clearly a policy deliberately aimed at destruction of the Polish nation.

"To the persecution of the Poles is added the atrocious treatment inflicted on members of the Jewish community.

"This conduct by German authorities and the occupation forces is a flagrant violation of the laws of warfare and in particular of the Hague convention concerning the laws and customs of war on land, and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the French Government and the Polish Government, addressing themselves to universal conscience, protest formally and publicly against the action of the German Government and its agents.

"They reaffirm Germany's responsibility for these crimes and they are determined to insure reparation for the wrongs thus inflicted on the Polish people."

The "Black Book"

The "Black Book" is, according to the Polish Government announcement, to be followed by another book which will show later stages of the Nazi occupation. In the introduction, the Government states that much testimony in its possession could be published only when the war is over, since publication now would endanger the relatives of informants still residing in Nazi-held territory.

In a preface to the book, Edouard Herriot, president of the French Chamber of Deputies, says: "We still believe that many consciences in Germany repudiate

such infamies. We leave off reading filled with disgust and shame that in our epoch men who have practiced such crimes can still lead a people which pretends to be civilized."

In a press interview, Stanislas Stronski, Polish Vice-Premier, said the "Black Book" showed that from the first day of the war the Germans attacked women and children to break the spirit of the Polish nation. The book attempts to show Germany's "total warfare" to have comprised a series of atrocities, including bombardment of open towns, refugee trains and civilians generally.

One of the photographs shows bearded, elderly Jews being forced to dig ditches by armed Nazi soldiers.

Under the caption, "The Martyrized Jews," the book gives an eyewitness report of the massacre of 150 Jews in Przemysl before that city was turned over to Soviet Russia. The event occurred on Sept. 26 and Jewish families were ordered to dig graves to bury their dead, the account states. It declares:

"The Germans were just going to abandon Przemysl to the Bolsheviks. I saw about 150 Jews lined up in rows of four who were directed to the forest of Pralkowce by German soldiers. They were forced to march with their hands crossed over their heads.

"In the evening of the same day all of them were executed by machine-guns near the hunting lodge of Kruchel Wielki. The following day, Sept. 27, the German authorities informed the families of arrested Jews that they were permitted to visit these prisoners and that, above all, they should bring them something to eat.

"This authorization was received with joy. But when the poor people presented themselves at Kruchel Wielki the first thing that happened was that the provisions they had brought were taken away from them. After that they were given shovels and they were ordered to dig the graves of their next of kin, who had been shot the evening before.

"To avoid any misunderstanding I insist upon the fact that I myself saw the masses of arrested Jews marching with their hands crossed above their heads and that on Sept. 27 I spoke to Jews who were engaged in digging graves. Of the 150 condemned only one escaped because, by the greatest of all miracles, he was only wounded in the ear.

"After the victims had been interred, at 10 o'clock in the morning the order was given to the Jews living in Przemysl to cross the San (River) and to enter the territory occupied by the Bolsheviks."

The Polish Communique

The Polish communique charging seizure of girls in Polish cities said that no distinction was made as to racial origin of the victims.

According to the communique, Nazi patrols seized the women and delivered them to military barracks, where they were violated. The statement accused in

particular the 228th regiment of German infantry and the 7th Aviation regiment, both of which, it was said, had patrols engaged in hunting women in Warsaw streets.

The communique also charged that many victims were shipped in transports to the German western front and were permitted to return to Poland only when they became pregnant.

YOUTH ALIYAH SEEKS TO RESCUE 1,000 IN SCANDINAVIA, HOLLAND

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Efforts are being made here to evacuate immediately from Scandinavia and the Netherlands 1,000 to 1,500 refugee youths for whom Palestine immigration certificates are expected in the forthcoming schedule.

DIES PLANS TO EXPOSE "TROIJAN HORSE" GROUP IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- Chairman Martin Dies announced today that his House Committee on Un-American Activities had uncovered in the United States a "Trojan horse" group of aliens worse than that which betrayed Norway to the Nazis. He said the committee would soon begin hearings intended to expose this organization. He did not name the group.

British Probe Anti-Semitic 'Fifth Column'

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Scotland Yard's special branch is investigating the activities of Hitler's "fifth column" here which is "endeavoring to spread internal dissension by stirring up hatred against the Jews," the Evening Standard reports.

The inquiries are particularly directed toward discovering the source of the funds financing peace propaganda. According to the Standard, both Berlin and Moscow are believed to be contributing to the "peace at any price" campaign.

While the Government is anxious not to limit the right of free speech, the paper states, the disclosures of "fifth column" activities in Denmark and Norway has caused closer attention to be paid to organizations responsible for anti-war propaganda here.

Leigh Vaughan Henry, described as an author, has been fined £25 and bound over for six months for making insulting remarks against Jews in the course of an address at a meeting of the Nationalist Association.

11 SCHOOL OFFICIALS TRIED IN JERUSALEM ON ARMS CHARGE

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- After a three-day presentation of the prosecution's case, a military court yesterday released for lack of evidence two of 11 officials of the Ben Shemen school, where arms were alleged to have been found in a search on Jan. 22. Those released were Dr. Samuel Liknietzki and Haim Miller. The defense of the other nine began yesterday.

A fine of £10 or an alternative of 30 days in jail has been imposed upon Prof. Ricardo Racci, formerly of Genoa University and now a statistician at the Hadassah-University Hospital, for taking part in an unlawful assembly following publication of the Palestine land act. Prof. Racci was also bound over in £10 for six months.