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NEEDY JEWS LEFT IN PARIS FACE STARVATION AS FOOD SUPPLY DWINDLES

VICHY, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Needy Jews who remained in Paris following the German occupation are threatened with starvation due to rapidly dwindling food supplies, it was reported here today.

Two public Jewish kitchens which have been distributing 600 free meals daily in the Auteuil and Lafayette quarters, will probably have to close down due to lack of funds and the difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies, it was reported. Jewish organizations in the unoccupied zone are unable to give any help because postal and other communications with the Nazi-held areas have been interrupted for the past three weeks.

NEW WARSAW EDICT ENVISAGES WALL-ENCLOSED GHETTO

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A wall-enclosed ghetto is envisaged for Warsaw's Jews by the Nazi authorities in the former Polish capital, it was revealed today with receipt of the full text of an edict just issued by the new Warsaw District Chief, Herr Leist. If the edict is executed, Warsaw's ghetto would become the first of the wall-enclosed type since the Middle Ages.

Not all of Warsaw's Jews, however, will be compelled immediately to live in the ghetto, as was at first thought from a Krakauer Zeitung report of the edict.

In addition to those Jews already living in the sectors set aside for the ghetto, only Jewish newcomers to Warsaw and those changing their residences in other sections of the city will be obliged to move to the wall-enclosed area.

Non-Jews living in the ghetto are not compelled to leave it, but if they move at all they must move out of the sector rather than to another portion of it.

The Leist decree marks the second attempt of the Nazi authorities to set up a ghetto. The first, made shortly after the occupation, had to be abandoned because of a typhus epidemic in the city. At that time the Jewish quarters were separated from the rest of the city by barbed-wire barricades, ostensibly to prevent spread of diseases.

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2 YOUTHS FACE TRIAL FOR LEADING ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION IN NICE

VICHY, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The newspaper Petit Nicois reports a number of anti-Jewish incidents in Nice, climaxed on Aug. 14 with a demonstration that was quickly stopped by the police.

The demonstration was led by a group of youths shouting "Down With Jews!" Two of the ringleaders were arrested and will be tried. During the night anti-Semites broke into eight Jewish-owned shops in the center of Nice.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that 90 per cent of Jewish refugees trying to return to occupied areas are being turned back at the frontier by the German authorities, who ask all refugees applying for readmission to state their religion and racial origin.

The office of the Jewish National Fund in Paris and the apartment of its manager have been raided by the Nazis. Correspondence files were seized.

The Paris anti-Jewish newspaper France at Work demands elimination of Jews from public sales and from all sporting associations, particularly boxing. The newly-organized Paris youth organization, Youth at Work, is not admitting Jews as members.

WILLKIE TERMS NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS 'WORSE THAN MEDIEVAL'

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Congratulatory messages poured in on Wendell L. Willkie today for his acceptance speech yesterday in which he advocated conscription, warned that only the British navy stands between aggression and America, and denounced Nazi persecution of the Jews as "barbarous and worse than medieval."

Citing the experience of his own grandparents, who fled from similar persecution in Germany, Willkie pledged to keep America "as a land free of hate and bitterness, of racial and class distinction."

"I have more reason than most of you," Willkie said, "to feel strongly about this (equal opportunity for all Americans) because the United States gave my family their first chance for a free life. The ancestors of both my father and my mother, like the ancestors of millions of Americans, lived in Central Europe. They were humble people, not members of the ruling or wealthy classes. Their opportunities were restricted by discriminatory laws and class distinctions.

"One was exiled because of his religion, another was persecuted because he believed in the principles of the French Revolution, and still another was jailed for believing in the right of free speech. As their descendant, I have fought from boyhood against these restrictions, discriminations and tyrannies, and I am still fighting.

"My grandparents lived in Germany. They were supporters of the democratic revolutions in that country, and when the revolutions failed they fled to the United States. How familiar that sounds.

"Today also people are being oppressed in Europe. The story of the barbarous and worse than medieval persecution of the Jews, a race that has done so much to improve the culture of these countries and our own, is the most tragic in human history.

"Today there are millions of refugees who desire sanctuary and opportunity in America, just as in my grandparents' time. The protection of our own labor and agriculture prevents us from admitting more than a few of them, but their misery and suffering make us resolve to preserve our country as a land free of hate and bitterness, of racial and class distinction. I pledge you that kind of America."

RUMANIA DISCHARGES 6 JEWISH CONSULS

ZURICH, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The German wireless reported from Bucharest today that six Jewish consuls and consular officials have been dismissed by the Rumanian Government. The names listed were Louis Dreyfus, Paris; Leon Cotnareanu, Nice and Monaco; Henry Untermaus, Antwerp; Jacques Slomanovitz, Geneva; Carlos Vasco, Guatemala and Jacques Gaster, Amsterdam.

NAZIS SHORT OF 'ARYANS' USE 1,250 JEWISH DOCTORS IN ARMY HOSPITALS

LONDON, Aug. 18. (ONA) -- Because of a shortage of "Aryans" the Nazis have been forced to conscript 1,250 Jewish doctors and 940 Jewish dentists for service in German military hospitals, the King-Hall News Letter reported today.

DANCE HALLS CLOSED BY NAZIS IN BRUSSELS

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Nazi authorities at Brussels have ordered the immediate closing of all dance halls, the Brussels Radio reported today.