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### SURVIVORS OF PATRIA HELD IN INTERNMENT CAMP: 22 DEAD FOUND

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- With 22 so far found dead, the survivors among the 1,771 Jewish refugees aboard the steamship Patria which was sunk by an explosion on Monday were being held in the Atlit internment camp today, happy in the belief that their nightmare of wandering for the past several months was over.

The survivors include 180 who were slightly injured either when leaping from the sinking ship into the water or when hit by luggage and debris while floundering in the waters of Haifa Bay. The relatively small number of fatalities was attributed to the fact that most of the refugees were on deck undergoing inspection when the blast occurred. Most of those killed were drowned when caught below decks.

The British provisions firm of Spinney, Ltd., sent bottles of cognac and other drinks for the victims suffering from exposure.

The first 13 dead to be identified were buried yesterday in the Haifa cemetery in the presence of a large crowd, including Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, and the president of the Haifa Jewish community.

The Jewish community, which had been bitter over the decision to deport the refugees to a British island colony, today was warmly praising the British sailors and police who effected the rescues and the British nurses who rushed to the scene to extend first aid.

### Zionist Delegation Sees Embassy Officials

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A Zionist delegation yesterday conferred with British Embassy officials about the Palestine immigration question and the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the refugee ship Patria, but both parties declined today to disclose details of the meeting.

The delegation, representing the Emergency Committee for Palestine Affairs, included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, head of the committee; Emanuel Neuman, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, president of Hadassah, and Rabbi Isadore Breslau, director of the American Zionist Bureau. They met with N.M. Butler, counselor, and A.C.E. Malcolm, second secretary of the Embassy.

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Following the meeting with the embassy officials, the delegation held a six-hour conference at Zionist headquarters here.

#### CONDITIONS IN LABOR CAMPS IN POLAND FORCE JEWS TO SEEK LOAN FROM NAZIS

GENEVA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Lack of clothing and spread of disease among hundreds of thousands of Jews conscripted into labor camps in Nazi-occupied Poland have prompted the executive of the Warsaw Jewish Community to apply to the Nazi administration of the Government-General for a special loan to be used in improving health conditions in the camps, it was reported here today.

Having no illusions as to what the answer of the German administration may be, the community at the same time organized its own campaign to obtain clothing from the local Jewish population to be shipped to the camps. Despite the difficult conditions under which the Jews in Warsaw live today, the first two days of the campaign resulted in collection of 5,000 pieces of warm underwear, 3,000 pairs of socks, 300 suits, 200 sweaters and 300 pair of shoes, in addition to 6,000 plates, knives and forks and other kitchen utensils.

The community executive also despatched to the labor camps a number of Jewish doctors and stocks of medicaments in an effort to check the spread of disease resulting from the severe frosts now gripping certain sections of Nazi-occupied Poland. Unprepared for the winter, the hundreds of thousands of Jews in the labor camps are suffering from cold since the Nazis refuse to provide coal for the camps and do not permit even bonfires from timber in the neighboring woods.

In Warsaw itself sanitary conditions among the Jewish population continue to improve, according to reports reaching Geneva. There is a substantial decline of infectious diseases noticeable. Only a few dozen epidemic cases among Jews in Warsaw are registered, compared with the several thousand which were recorded in the early months of the Nazi occupation.

#### Jewish Savings Banks Closed

GENEVA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- All Jewish savings banks in the Government-General area of Poland have been closed by the Nazi authorities supervising banking enterprises, the Krakauer Zeitung, Nazi newspaper in Poland, reports. It is expected that a restricted number of Jewish savings banks will be permitted to resume activity, the paper says.

Meanwhile, opening in Rzeszow of the first Jewish school under the enforced ghetto educational system is reported in the Nazi-dominated Jewish organ, Gazeta Zydowska, which states 800 pupils have been enrolled. The paper quotes Dr. Kleinmann, president of the Cracow Jewish community, as expressing belief that the experiment will be successful.

#### FRENCH STATE COUNCIL BARS 3 UNDER ANTI-JEWISH LAW

VICHY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Three members of the State Council were retired today under the law of Oct. 18 barring Jews from public service. They are Georges Cahen Salvador and Jacques Helbronner, both of whom are members of the Jewish Consistory and were nominated as honorary divisional presidents of the State Council, and Pierre Seligman, who was nominated as honorary State councillor.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Consistory's application for a permit for publication of a communal Jewish paper was refused.

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Lyon Residents Amused at Anti-Semitic Leaflets

GENEVA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic leaflets distributed recently in Lyon, unoccupied France, caused much amusement among the population, it was reported here today. The leaflets concluded with the words: "Vive Doriot! Vive Petain! Heil Hitler!"

BULGARIAN CHURCH REPORTED OPPOSING ANTI-JEWISH LAW

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Holy Synod has issued a statement opposing the anti-Jewish law passed by the Parliament in Sofia last week, it was reported today in a Moscow broadcast reviewing the political situation in Bulgaria.

LONDON JEWISH BOY CITED FOR RESCUE OF 4 AMID BOMBS

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- David Lazarus, 17-year-old pupil of the Jews Free School, was recommended for an award for bravery today for rescuing four persons from a bombed block of flats during a recent air raid.

The boy worked heroically while more bombs were falling and was seriously injured by a collapsing wall and deeply buried under tons of bricks and stones. He is now in a hospital in dangerous condition.

KEREN HAYESOD COLLECTED £623,000 IN PAST YEAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) collected more than £623,000 net last year, of which the United States contributed 62½ per cent, Director Leib Jaffe stated at a press conference today. He emphasized that the Yishub was entering an extremely difficult year, with almost the whole of Europe cut off, and therefore the unaffected countries had to take the burden.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported that while the Agency had received only £500,000 from the Keren Hayesod, it had spent approximately £2,000,000, concluding the year with a £200,000 deficit. The number of persons seeking jobs rose from 24,000 to 26,000 in the past year; the number of unemployed increased from 10,000 to 12,000. However, the influx of Jewish capital increased, reaching last April the proportions of April, 1938 and 1939.

The Agency's minimum budget for the next year is approximately £3,500,000, Kaplan said.

JEWISH VETERANS GIVE 200 PIANOS TO ARMY

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Two hundred pianos for use in Army recreation centers have been presented to the Army by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. They were bought by Samuel C. Lamport from the estate of a Fourteenth Street dealer and turned over to Captain James J. Robertson of the quartermaster's office at local Army headquarters.