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HUNDREDS OF JEWS SLAIN IN RUMANIAN UPRISING; 89 MURDERED ON ONE BLOCK

BUDAPEST, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- With Rumania's 175,000 Jews caught helplessly in the middle of a violent battle between the Government and dissident Iron Guardists, hundreds were murdered during the first three days of disorders, it was reported here today.

While Jews were being attacked by the rebels, the Government said "Jews and Freemasons were partly responsible for the uprising and threatened reprisals against them.

Censored dispatches from Bucharest said 89 Jews were slain in one block in Bucharest alone. Iron Guardists, described by official sources as "gangsters and extremists," herded the Jews into cellars and then massacred them. Jewish casualties in Bucharest have reached an "important" total, it was admitted in the Rumanian capital, although figures were not yet available.

According to reports from points on the Rumanian border, there were more than 2,000 dead in Bucharest morgues alone, including many Jews taken from their homes and slain along with Iron Guardists. The revolt broke out on Tuesday and by Thursday the authorities had only begun to restore order.

With sniping continuing in Bucharest, some announcements called the snipers "secret agents, Communists, Jews and professional trouble-makers." Earlier, a Government official had told foreign correspondents that "Jews and Freemasons" were responsible for the uprising.

PROMULGATION OF ANTI-JEWISH LAW IN BULGARIA NEARS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Bulgaria's anti-Semitic law will be promulgated by King Boris on Saturday, it was reported here today.

Although the Jewish community in Sofia is hoping against hope that enforcement of the regulations will be less severe than the wording of the legislation implies, two clauses are understood to be particularly worrying the Jews--the one providing for registration of Jewish property, real and personal, and the clause providing for withdrawal of citizenship from Jews remaining abroad over three months.

A delegation of Jewish leaders arrived in Belgrade from Sofia yesterday to confer with the Yugoslav Jewish community on the possibility that financial assistance may be necessary to relieve suffering caused by strict application of the harsher provisions of the Bulgarian law.

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JEWS BARRED FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT IN NAZI POLAND

ZURICH, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Poland have taken action to bar Jews completely from private employment, it was reported here today.

The Krakauer Zeitung published a decree of German Governor-General Hans Frank providing for issuance of labor cards "in order to bring efficient distribution of labor." Jews will be forbidden such cards, without which no one may henceforth hold a job.

BRITAIN GETS PROTEST ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ORTHODOX INTERNEES

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The world Agudath Israel has protested to the Home Office against alleged discrimination against Orthodox Jews interned in Canada, the religious organization announced today.

According to the protest, the deputy director of internment operations in Ottawa issued an order for internees in Camp B, "in connection with internees declining labor on the Jewish sabbath." The order declared that internees must do compulsory labor six days weekly, with Sunday the only rest day. The following punishments were proposed for violators:

- (1) Their names to be noted regarding any question of emigration which would arise or regarding permission to reside in Canada, from which they would be barred;
- (2) Sabbath observers to be compelled to do all camp work on Sunday, including that normally done by the guards, receiving no pay for this work, although non-observant Jews receive payment;
- (3) Unlike other camps, no light manufacturing plant to be installed in the camp of orthodox Jews, which would be placed on a basis of compulsory hard labor "in forestry work, which permits issue of pay, preference to be given to those Jews showing a spirit of cooperation." Refusal of compulsory work on all days except Sunday "may result in judicial action," the order said.

The protest declared that the proposed action was "contrary both to international convention and public opinion, and above all to the spiritual issues of the war."

AIR-RAID ALARM IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The third air-raid warning of the week sounded last night, but no planes appeared.

RECEPTION HELD FOR BIENSTOCK, JTA LONDON CHIEF

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Conviction that the courage of the British people would see them through to victory in the war, given adequate aid from the United States, was voiced by Victor M. Bienstock, who recently arrived here on vacation from his post in London as head of the European service of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Overseas News Agency speaking at a reception for him yesterday at the Hotel Biltmore.

Bienstock said British morale remained high, despite the intensity of the Blitzkrieg. He stressed that the British were looking to the United States for aid and declared that, next to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt was regarded as the greatest leader of the British people.

Fascist anti-Semitic propaganda has virtually disappeared, he said, but some anti-Semitism has arisen as a result of the problems of evacuating London's population to the hinterlands and providing shelters for those remaining in the city.

Discussing the refugee question in England, Bienstock said most of the English people regarded the policy of indiscriminate internment of aliens with shame and anger. He paid tribute to the Manchester Guardian for leading the fight against this policy and securing modification of the Government's attitude.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the ONA, who presided, stressed the necessity of providing accurate news, as disseminated by the JTA and ONA, as a guide to intelligent thinking in the United States. Another speaker was Mendel Moses, former head of the JTA bureau in Warsaw, who has just arrived in New York.

Among those present were Baron Robert de Rothschild, Herbert Bayard Swope, George Backer, Harold K. Guinzburg, Dr. Frank Kingdon, Dr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin, Morris D. Waldman, Dr. Bernhard Kahn, Edward A. Norman, Czech Consul Vladimir Hudec, Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Mrs. Judith Epstein, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Dr. Harry Lurie, Max Gottschalk and Miss Juliet Benjamin.

B'NAI B'RITH BUYS \$10,000 CANADIAN WAR BONDS

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith tomorrow will purchase \$10,000 worth of non-interest Canadian war loan certificates "as a further manifestation of the profound desire on the part of the membership of B'nai B'rith and its affiliate organizations to support the cause of Great Britain to the utmost."

The purchase is being made by Philip M. Klutznick, of Omaha, president of B'nai B'riths District No. 6, and a member of the Supreme Advisory Council of AZA, B'nai B'riths youth organization, from funds provided by the two organizations' 51 Canadian chapters.

HUTCHINS URGES OPENING U.S. DOORS TO REFUGEES

CHICAGO, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- America should be made a refuge for "those who will not live without liberty," President Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago declared last night in a nationally-broadcast address. "For less than the cost of two battleships," Dr. Hutchins said, "we could accommodate half a million refugees from totalitarian countries for a year."

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL LAUNCHED IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 15. (JTA-By Mail) -- At the inauguration meeting of the United South African Jewish War Appeal, sponsored by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation, Justice Greenberg, who presided, said the present intention was to divide the proceeds of the appeal equally between the two bodies responsible for it, for allocation by them to the various objects of the cause.

As far as the Board of Deputies was concerned, he said, one of their objects was to help the dependants of Jewish volunteers, and another was to assist those countless numbers all over the world who, through war conditions, had become refugees. The Zionist Federation's share would be devoted to war work in Palestine.

JEWS FLEE KATTOWICE AS GERMANS SEIZE PROPERTY

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Jews in Kattowice are hastily gathering their personal belongings and moving to the nearby mining district of Dobrowa to avoid seizure of their property by arriving Germans, Polish Government sources here reported today.

Newly-settled Germans in Upper Silesia, complaining of insufficient means, have looted large department stores owned by Jews and Poles in Kattowice, while Gestapo agents looked on without intervening, the report said.

AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST VOLUNTEERS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

PERTH, Western Australia, Dec. 22. (JTA-By Mail) -- Philip Masel, Editor of the Westralian Judean and Perth correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has volunteered for military service and is at present in Melbourne undergoing a specialist's training as an officer of the Australian Imperial Force. Lieutenant Masel has edited Western Australia's only Jewish newspaper for the past eleven years.

EXTENSION OF PALESTINE LABOR EXCHANGE PLANNED

JERUSALEM (JTA-By mail) -- Communal life continues in Palestine despite existing war conditions. Following are some new notes on life in the Holy Land:

The Jewish Agency's labor department has been negotiating with the various labor organizations regarding extension of the existing labor exchange and distribution of work on the basis of a personal register of workers, rather than by party affiliation.

A reader of Davar, labor daily, has contributed £3 for a prize for a new Hebrew marching song, in view of the fact that the Jewish soldiers and supernumerary policemen have no suitable tune to sing while on march.

Official figures of persons employed by the Palestine Government give their number as 13,717, of whom 5,643 are on the permanent staff.

Unknown persons recently entered the offices of the Agudath Israel Workers' Organization in Jerusalem and removed all the documents found there.

A meeting of Jewish teachers of Arabic from 52 kvutzoth (colonies) was recently held in Haifa to discuss methods of teaching the language to adults.

The Arab daily Falastin reports that the American Jewish colony Raanana sent gifts to the Arab village Azzoun when the Arabs of the latter celebrated the Moslem feast of Id el Fitr.

A call to revive the old custom of "heralds" announcing the arrival of "Queen Saturday" was voiced by the Central Committee of the Agudath Israel, stating that since it is no longer possible to continue the blowing of the horn (shofar) as sign of lighting candles, the old custom of heralds should be revived to announce the time candle-lighting.