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### 560,000 JEWS HELD IN 2 POLISH GHETTOS; THOUSANDS UPROOTED FROM HOMES

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Poland are intensifying the isolation of Jews in ghettos and expulsion from various areas of the occupied territory, it was reported here today.

The Jewish community in the Warsaw ghetto was said to be making superhuman efforts, at great personal sacrifice of its members, to feed and house the hundreds of emaciated and sick coreligionists whom the Gestapo daily dumps into the ghetto. A total of 400,000 persons have been crammed into the area up to Feb. 1, according to an official census.

Although every private house and the community's premises are filled with refugees, the community spirit is described as magnificent, with everyone sharing impartially whatever food, clothing and shelter he possesses, but, the report adds, "the limits of human endeavor are nearing."

Gazeta Zydowska, Jewish organ in Poland, states that 70,000 Jews have already been evicted from their homes west of the Vistula and transported to the Warsaw ghetto. The entire Jewish population of Sochaczew was expelled on Feb. 5 and additional thousands are arriving in Warsaw from Pienozna and Zyrow.ow.

The Nazi magazine Die Deutsche Polizei publishes an article by Police President Albert of Lodz describing the establishment of a ghetto for the remaining 160,000 Jews of that city. The quarter is 16 kilometers in circumference and is guarded by a battalion of S.S. (elite guards), the article says.

Results of the campaign of expropriation in Lodz are given by Government Administrator Moser in the newspaper Litzmannstaedter Zeitung. He announced 24,570 Polish and Jewish corporate and private businesses have been confiscated, including 70 banks, 3,500 textile firms, 500 wholesale enterprises, 8,500 retail establishments and 8,200 handicraftsmen's shops. Three thousand German administrators are employed to run these businesses, it is stated.

### SLOVAKIA ORDERS CLOSING OF 3,000 JEWISH FIRMS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 Jewish businesses have been ordered closed by the Slovak Government, it was reported here today. The Deutsche Zeitung, German minority organ here, said the enterprises were not "of any use to either the employes or the State."

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BILL WOULD AID ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Refugees who have entered the United States illegally would be able to have their entry made permanent and legal if they volunteered for military service, under the terms of a bill introduced in the House today by Rep. Jerry Voorhis (Dem., Calif.).

The bill would apply to aliens who are natives of countries which have been invaded and where, as a result of that invasion, they would be subject to prosecution for "political racial or religious beliefs." Registration with the U.S. Immigration Service for permanent residence would be contingent also upon proof of good moral character and a declaration of intention to become a citizen.

Alaska Hearing Scheduled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A House Immigration Committee hearing on the Dickstein bill to open Alaska colonization by European refugees has been tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday, it was learned today. Officials of the Interior Department, under whose jurisdiction the administration of the Alaskan territory rests, are expected to be the first witnesses.

Departmental officials were silent today on what stand the Interior Department would take on the measure. However, it was recalled that at a press conference earlier this year Secretary Harold Ickes said in no uncertain terms he was still in favor of the colonization proposal and that he hoped to see legislative authorization for it this session. Interior officials admitted that conferences had been held between Ickes and his top aides over the past two weeks looking toward presentation of the Department's views on the colonization proposal to Congress.

Meanwhile, former Senator William King of Utah, who has been seeking to have the measure reintroduced in the Senate, said today he had urged Ickes and Nathan Margold, Interior Department solicitor, to draft a bill which would eliminate "all sincere criticism of the King-Havener bill without destroying the basic purpose of the colonization proposal."

Senator King said most of the criticism levelled at the proposal during the last session appeared to be inspired by the lack of restriction on subsequent entry of the colonizers into the United States proper.

The Dickstein bill as introduced provides that colonizers be required to remain in Alaska for a minimum of five years. The measure sets up a special colonization quota for Alaska made up of all the unused admissions under the immigration laws over the past six years. State Department officials say that unused quotas for that period total 687,606.

BRITISH CONSUL, BEFORE DEPARTURE, AIDED JEWS TO LEAVE BUCHAREST FOR PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- While the Postmaster announced suspension of telephone, telegraph and postal services between Palestine and Rumania, it was reported here today that the British consul in Bucharest, before his departure, issued affidavits to Palestine-bound Jewish immigrants who already had certificates.

The action was taken on instructions of the Palestine Government following intervention of the Jewish Agency here. Most of the 1,000 prospective Palestine immigrants in Bucharest benefited from these facilities. Similar instructions were given to the British consul in Budapest.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Orechovsky, widow of the director of the Palestine Office in Bucharest, who was killed in the January pogrom, arrived here today together with Ussishkin, Joint Distribution Committee director in the Rumanian capital.

#### JEWS BARRED FROM DUTCH COLLEGES; JEWISH COUNCIL NAMED IN AMSTERDAM

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- German Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart has prohibited registration of Jews in Dutch universities, the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported from Berlin today.

Responsibility for Jewish behavior in Amsterdam has been placed by the authorities upon two of the country's most prominent Jewish leaders, Prof. Cohen and A. Ascher, the newspaper Stockholms Tidningen reported. The paper said they were appointed heads of the Jewish council which authorities established in Amsterdam following the isolation of the Jewish quarter by the Nazis in retaliation for anti-Nazi riots in the area.

The paper reported there were many casualties among police and rioters in the disorders, which allegedly involved attacks by young Jews on Nazi residents. Immediately, the Jewish quarter was isolated and non-Jews started leaving the area.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC POLISH PAPER REAPPEARS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Polish press circles were shocked today by the unexpected reappearance of the anti-Semitic Polish National Democrat organ, *Jestem Polakiem* (I Am a Pole) edited by its original editorial board. The publication had suspended following withdrawal of official Polish support.

A "solution" of the Jewish problem according to the anti-Semitic Endek theory is put forward as one of the major political demands in an article under the signature of Lucjan Zigota, which clearly indicates that it is designed not only for Polish circles but for anti-Semitic propaganda among Britons.

The article is written in the form of a conversation between a Scotsman and a Pole, the latter trying to convince the Scotsman that Britain is not interested in internal order in other states and that Poland "is not yet ripe for a liberal system like the English, but must establish an order best fitting its own particular requirements, guaranteeing maximum strength to the State."

The article attacks "our official propaganda which says that there will be ideal collaboration between Poles and Jews after Hitler's downfall" and stresses the need of spreading in Britain information on the Jewish problem based on sources such as Wiengierski's notorious book, "September, 1939," which blames the Jews for the Soviet invasion of Poland.

A mass emigration policy is advocated as the only solution of the Jewish problem. "We should even ask American Jewry to help in emigration of Jews from Poland," the article states.

#### BEN GURION OPTIMISTIC ON PALESTINE FUTURE; SHERTOK REPORTS RISE IN JOBS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive who returned last week from a visit to the United States, told the JTA in an interview that the Jewish future in Palestine was almost secured if the Jews of Palestine and the U.S. would act in a spirit of Zionism. He expressed firmest belief in a British victory, with the utmost assistance of the U.S.

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A meeting of the Zionist General Council was called for next week to hear Ben Gurion's report on the general political and Zionist situations in the United Kingdom and the U.S.

Scores of new Jewish industries have been established in Palestine since the outbreak of the war, Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference. Shertok said unemployment in urban centers had decreased and that thousands of new immigrants had been absorbed by the country.

#### ILLINOIS COURT VOIDS CONVICTION OF 3 WHO STONED JEWISH STORE

CHICAGO, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Illinois Supreme Court has voided the conviction of three members of the Silver Legion for smearing and breaking windows of the Jewish-owned Goldblatt Brothers department store in Chicago. The judge said the action was based on the difficulty of determining "whether the defendants were tried for breaking windows or for membership in an anti-Jewish organization."

The defendants, Homer Maertz, who is of German extraction, Fred Poczorny and Douglas Campbell, had been sentenced from one to ten years in the penitentiary in 1940 on a charge of malicious mischief.

#### DAVIS STRESSES RED CROSS NON-SECTARIAN POLICY AS HE GETS B'NAI B'RITH PLAQUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Synchronization of the national defense endeavors of the B'nai B'rith and the American Red Cross "by coordinating our respective divisions of military and naval welfare service" was announced yesterday by Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, as he received the 97th anniversary award of B'nai B'rith at a covenant breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In presenting the award, President Henry Monsky declared that "the machinery of the 900 B'nai B'rith units throughout the country and the manpower of their 150,000 men and women have been placed at the disposal of the Red Cross." Honored in recognition of his humanitarian services as head of the American Red Cross and his insistence that Red Cross relief supplies in the German-controlled areas of war-torn Europe be distributed on a completely non-sectarian basis, Davis asserted that any other policy but impartial distribution of Red Cross relief supplies "would have made mockery of American mercy."

#### HIAS GETS APPEAL FROM LUBLIN RESERVATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The first direct call from the Lublin Jewish reservation in Poland has reached the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society. The call, which was passed by the Nazi censors, came from the "Rada Zydowska w Lublinie" (Jewish Council in Lublin) and asked aid and cooperation in extending to the prisoners of the "reservation" the benefit of the rescue through emigration service.

Dated Dec. 18, it asks HIAS to secure relief and ultimately to make possible the overseas emigration of those residents of the Lublin "reservation" whose relatives or friends in the United States and other countries are in a position to issue the necessary affidavits and other documents.

#### MAXA NORDAU URGES INCREASED AID FOR PALESTINE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Maxa Nordau, daughter of the late Zionist leader, spoke at Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's Euclid Avenue Temple tonight on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal. She stressed the duty of Zionism in the diaspora, as the "parent" of the Jewish homeland, to increase material and moral support for Palestine.