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### ALL JEWS NOW OUSTED FROM CRACOW, EXCEPT STREET-CLEANERS

GENEVA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A special correspondent of the Berlin Boersen-Zeitung, after a tour of Nazi-occupied Poland, states that the Jews have been completely removed from Cracow except a few employed as street sweepers. Previous attempts to oust all Jews from the capital of the Polish Government-General had failed.

The Warsaw ghetto is inhabited by 560,000 Jews and has the character of a separate town with its own police and administration, the report says. Another 35,000 Jews are in the ghetto in Radom. No ghetto has yet been established in Kielce.

### BRITAIN WILL MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN JEWISH, ARAB FORCES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office declared in a statement today that it would maintain the rigid balance between Jewish and Arab forces in Palestine. Seven Jewish and seven Arab infantry companies have been authorized, of which five of each have already been formed. "Recruitment of these units has been on the basis of rigid equality of numbers," the statement said.

It declared that recruitment of Jewish and Arab units was being steadily and satisfactorily maintained. Since the outbreak of the war many Jews and Arabs have enlisted in technical units like the Service Corps, the Engineers, the Signal Corps and the mixed Pioneer Corps, which, according to the Colonial Office, have done good work.

Many Palestinians have joined the Royal Air Force, the statement said, and recently Jews and Arabs expressed the desire to enlist in fighting units. Approximately 6,000 Jews and 3,000 Arabs are now serving with the British forces in the Middle East.

### Jewish Industry to Benefit from War Supply Board

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish industry is expected to benefit from the appointment of a War Supply Board to insure maximum production for the war effort and safeguard essential needs of the community, which was announced in the official Palestine Gazette yesterday.

The board is empowered to coordinate and expand industrial capacity for the purpose of production of vital supplies and to render assistance to industry.

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Chairman of the board is Douglas Harris, Government Commissioner for Special Duties. Other members are Julius Jacobs, who is secretary; Geoffrey Walsh, Government economic adviser, and the departmental directors Sandford, Herson, Wilson and Brown.

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Ben Gurion Stresses Drive for Jewish 'Independence'

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who recently returned from visits to Britain and the United States, stated at a press conference today that "the broken down Jewry of Europe can be healed only by independence" and "from now on we must prepare our hearts and that of world democracy for this single imperative solution."

"There is no other solution for the millions of Jews' than independence, Ben Gurion said. He asserted that while a British victory would restore the freedom of subjugated nations, only the European Jews would remain in ruins, even if the yellow badges were removed and their rights returned.

Praising the "British people's heroic struggle for freedom and democracy," he declared that their "ultimate victory will liberate the world from the Fascist-Nazi yoke." He called on the Jews of the world to do their utmost for a British victory.

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BRITAIN CONSIDERING ADMISSION OF RUMANIAN POGROM VICTIMS TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Admission of victims of the recent Rumanian pogroms to Palestine is being "sympathetically examined" by the British Government, Colonial Under-secretary George H. Hall declared in Commons yesterday. He said there were serious difficulties to overcome now that Rumania was under enemy control and British representatives had been withdrawn, and added he was communicating with the Palestine High Commissioner on the subject.

The statement was made in reply to Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, who called attention to the Jewish Agency's request for admission to Palestine of some of the Jews driven out by the Iron Guard excesses.

Meanwhile, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison stated, replying to a question by David Adams, that admission of alien Palestine barristers to plead before the Privy Council in appeals from the Palestine Supreme Court would be "considered on their merits" and in light of the circumstances in each case.

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679 From Lithuania En Route to Palestine

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A total of 679 Polish Jews from Soviet Lithuania have reached Turkey on their way to Palestine, according to a cable received here today by the Palestine Emergency Committee from the representative of the Jewish Agency in Istanbul. More groups are reported to be on their way from Soviet territory to Turkey, where arrangements are being made for them to proceed to Palestine. They are all holders of Palestine immigration certificates.

JABOTINSKY REPORTS AGREEMENT WITH PALESTINE LABORITE LEADERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Zionist-Revisionist leader, who arrived here Monday from Palestine, declared today at a press conference at the Hotel Navarre that before he left the Holy Land in December leaders of the Union of Zionist Revisionists and of the Mapey (labor Zionist party) reached an agreement, in their personal capacities, looking toward creation of a united front.

"The unanimous reaction of all the Zionists to the Patria affair made it apparent that the cleft which has existed between the two chief currents of Zionism thought-the Revisionist and the Labor-had been bridged," Jabotinsky said. "The matters got so far that negotiations started for a united Jewish front for the duration of the war. The negotiations ended just before my departure from Palestine in December on a draft of an agreement between the Union of Zionist Revisionists and the Mapey signed by Mr. Berl Katznelson, Mr. Eliahu Golomb, Dr. Benjamin Lubotzky and myself, all the signatories acting in their personal capacity.

"The four signatories undertook to try and persuade their respective parties to adopt it; the parties, in their turn, would try to get this agreement accepted by the New and Old Zionist Organizations respectively. The proposal was to be held secret for one month to allow both sides to prepare the ground. More than twice the allotted time having elapsed, I feel myself at liberty to publish at least the essence of that proposal.

"After a preamble stating that the Mapey and the Revisionist Party find it necessary in the present crisis to formulate a common plan of work for the duration of the war, the agreement formulates the Jewish aims, which are: The establishment of a Jewish army to fight as an ally of Great Britain; after the war the immediate transfer to Palestine of all the Jewish masses desiring to immigrate; the work of colonization shall be pursued according to a plan taking into consideration the above mentioned aims and the strategical necessities; the national funds shall be developed with a view to the realization of the above aims.

"Then comes a chapter on Organizational problems: The Zionist Organization will adopt the above program as being the interpretation of the Basel Program and will abolish the price of the shekel. The Revisionist Party will enter the Zionist Organization and the New Zionist Organization will be suppressed. An extraordinary congress will be called in America and will nominate a United Jewish Representation which will be empowered to present the above stated Jewish demands to the Peace Conference.

"A third chapter deals with Palestinian matters, such as the creation of a United Labor Council representing all the trade unions which will decide on all matters of labor."

Jabotinsky declared that "the main force opposing the creation of a Jewish army is, of course, not so much the British Government as the Palestinian administration, which has the feeling that it is necessary to propitiate the Arabs, who are notoriously pro-Nazi. The administration is consistently pursuing an anti-Zionist policy, prohibiting the sale of land to Jews, expelling Jewish immigrants and sabotaging the establishment of a Jewish Army.

6 SLAIN IN AMSTERDAM AS NAZIS UNCOVER "SECRET JEWISH ORGANIZATION"

ZURICH, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Amsterdam have announced that six civilians were killed and a number wounded in clashes which occurred in police actions during which "the ringleaders of nightly attacks against the police patrol and a secret Jewish organization were uncovered."

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JDC, NRS LAUNCH UNITED NEW YORK APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service today opened a joint drive for funds in New York called the United New York Appeal.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, chairman of the campaign, Henry Ittleson, Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, honorary chairmen; Paul Beerwald, Benjamin J. Buttenwieser and Mrs. David Levy, co-chairmen, and Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the executive committee.

At a press conference at the Hotel Commodore today, Dr. Wise announced the aims of the drive, reviewed the work of the J.D.C. in 50 countries throughout the world and reported on the progress of the refugee aid and resettlement program of the N.R.S.

"As the largest Jewish community," the chairman said, "New York City has a triple responsibility in this decisive period in Jewish life: to provide for the overseas aid and emigration program of the Joint Distribution Committee; to carry the major burden of national resettlement of refugees in America, and to make full provisions for New York's own refugee needs and preparatory program."

The 1941 effort would take the form of some 200 trades and borough campaigns, enlisting the aid of several thousand volunteer workers.

MEDALIE NAMED EXECUTIVE CO-CHAIRMAN OF UPA

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney and chairman of the 1939 campaign of the New York and Brooklyn Federations of Jewish Charities, has accepted the post of executive co-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal of Greater New York. Chairman Nathan Straus and Executive Chairman Sylvan Gotschal announced today.

NAZI RADIO SETS ASIDE PURIM TO ANSWER CABLES FROM U.S. JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Berlin radio will set aside its English-language broadcast on Purim, March 13, to "answer the messages of our listeners of the Jewish faith" in the United States, the station announced last night. The announcer said the "special feature broadcast" had been arranged after a "Robert Jacobs of New York City" had requested the station to broadcast "an appropriate Purim Day program."

The Jacobs message was one of the satirical radiograms sent, at Berlin's expense, when the German radio invited collect messages commenting on its broadcasts.

WINDOWS OF ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY IN VICHY BROKEN

VICHY, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Unknown persons today broke windows of the violently anti-Semitic Parti Populaire Francaise, organized by Jacques Doriot. The party issued a statement blaming Jews for the act.

BOSTON FIRM FIGHTS GERMAN JEW'S SUIT, CHARGING NAZIS WOULD BENEFIT

BOSTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A \$138 suit against the Schoenhof Book Co. of Boston in the name of Rudolph Hueblein, German Jew living in Leipzig, is being contested on the ground that Hueblein, if living, would derive no benefit from the action to collect. Charging that the suit was brought for the benefit of other persons, the defendants have filed a motion in Central Municipal Civil Court demanding that the law firm of Jones, Nash and Birmingham, which initiated the suit, show its authority to represent Hueblein.