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### SPREAD OF DISEASE IN WARSAW FEARED AS RATIONS ARE CUT ANEW

ZURICH, March 31. (JTA) -- Fearing the spread of epidemic diseases in Warsaw as result of reduced food rations, which have been cut to one-third of the former amount, the Nazi authorities in the Warsaw ghetto issued an order that every inhabitant of the ghetto under 40 years of age must undergo anti-typhoid vaccination, it was reported here today from Nazi-held Poland.

(More than 259,000 persons, including 91,000 children, in Warsaw have been reduced to a food ration providing only 700 calories a day, whereas 2,000 a day is the minimum human standard, according to a cabled message from W. C. McDonald, Warsaw representative of the American Commission for Polish Relief, made public in New York by Chauncey McCormick, president of the commission. It said nearly 250,000 persons were on soup lines in Warsaw alone.)

The reduction of the food rations in Warsaw has especially hit the Jewish population, which even previously received only one-half the rations given to Poles. Coupled with the impossible dwelling situation in the ghetto, the starvation diet on which the Jews have now been put must inevitably lead to the outbreak of infectious diseases, reports said.

Jewish leaders in Warsaw are endeavoring to cope with the situation by trying to maintain as many public kitchens as possible. Some of the kitchens, including those established for children, will be able to function only three days a week because of the shortage of food for the kitchens under the new ration system.

Great hope is laid by Warsaw Jews upon the approaching Passover week, when matzoth and other Passover foodstuffs are expected to reach Jews in Nazi-held Poland from Hungary, under a reported arrangement reached by the Joint Distribution Committee and approved by the German authorities.

At the same time it is reported from Warsaw that the Jewish community has instituted special Jewish courts to deal with Jewish cases and has also organized a post-office system within the ghetto. Mail reaching the ghetto is being distributed by Jewish mailmen, most of them war veterans. It is expected that the entire administration of the post-office in the ghetto will be turned over to the Jews.

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The revival of Yiddish in the ghetto is growing as result of the Jews' isolation. Assimilated Polish Jews who never used the Yiddish language are now readjusting themselves to the new conditions of life by studying Yiddish, without which no one can hope to secure work in any of the institutions of the Jewish community.

A report from Nazi-occupied Poland reaching Switzerland states that all 2,000 Jews of the township of Glowne, between Lodz and Warsaw have been expelled and herded into summer barracks in a suburb which was proclaimed as a ghetto. A special post office has been established for the Jews, more than 1,400 of whom must be fed in free kitchens. A detachment of 40 young Jews has been chosen as special Jewish police for the ghetto.

Reports from Tarnow, Galicia, reveal the tragic position of the Jews there under the Nazi regime. Some 15,000 Jews depend entirely on the food they get from free soup kitchens. The situation of the Jewish community in Tarnow is becoming more and more precarious because of growing poverty among the local Jews and also because of the many hundred of Jews from other cities who are being driven by the Nazis to the town and become a burden upon the local Jewish relief institutions.

#### SLOVAKIA REPORTED PLANNING FORCED LABOR FOR JEWS

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- The Slovak Government is planning new anti-Semitic measures creating forced labor camps for Jews and expelling Jews from central areas of all towns, it was reported today from Bratislava. Further economic measures are also contemplated, it was said.

The Nazi newspaper Neues Wiener Tageblatt said the Slovak Government intended to decree forced labor for all Jews and establish camps supported by the Jewish communities.

The number of those considered Jews in Slovakia has increased from 15,000 to 105,000 by the inclusion of Christians of Jewish origin, it was said.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RACE THEORY IN BELGIUM DISCUSSED AT FRANKFORT PARLEY

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- Introduction of the racial theory in Belgium was advocated by the Belgian delegate, Lambert, at a special session of the Frankfort Institute for Research into the Jewish Problem, it was reported here today.

Representatives of Nazi movements in Holland, Denmark and Norway voiced similar views. Anton A. Mussert and Major Vidkun Quisling, Nazi leaders in Holland and Norway, were reported to be among those attending the meeting.

#### NAZI SEIZURES OF JEWISH PROPERTY ESTIMATED AT OVER 2-1/2 BILLION MARKS

LONDON, March 13. (JTA-By Mail) -- Nazi seizures of Jewish property within the Reich are estimated in the Bulletin of International News, published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, at between 2,500,000,000 and 5,000,000,000 Reichsmarks, including the fine of 1,000,000,000 Reichsmarks imposed in the Autumn of 1938.

No estimate of Jewish property seized in Austria is available, but the total confiscated in Czechoslovakia has been put at £125,000,000.

POLISH ORGANS IN LONDON EXTOL DEMOCRACY, DEFEND ROLE OF JEWS IN WAR

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- Both semi-official Polish weeklies devote considerable space to extolling democracy and democratic institutions, one of them denying the contention of an anti-Semitic member of the Polish National Council that the Jews had no role in this war.

The periodicals appeared following a meeting of the Council on Thursday night at which right-wing members refrained from voicing approval of the Polish Government's policy of equal rights for Jews and General Zeligowski accused the Jews of seeking "domination."

At this meeting, it was learned today, another right-wing deputy, Juzwiak, suggested that the Jews leave Poland after the war and be colonized in Eritrea, Italian possession in North Africa, drawing from Jewish Deputy Ignacy Schwartzbart the reply that only Palestine was acceptable as a Jewish State, that the question could not be discussed by the Polish council and that Juzwiak did not possess Eritrea and therefore could not give it away.

The Polish weekly *Wiadomosci Polskie*, in an editorial written by Editor Novakowski, denounced General Zeligowski's recent pamphlet diagnosing the war as a battle of races, a fight of "gallant Slavs against the Germans in which the Jews have no part." The editorial asserted that it was "a war of ideas, totalitarianism against democracy, and Poland is fighting for democracy."

Meanwhile, at a meeting of the Agudath Israel several members criticized anti-Semitic activities in certain Polish circles in Britain. H.A. Goodman, political secretary, asserted that the Jews had the right to expect the Polish Government would now prepared for establishment of a post-war democracy in Poland in which anti-Semitism would be considered anti-social. A liaison committee was appointed to consult Schwartzbart constantly.

Meanwhile, the New Zionist Organization issued a statement protesting against Schwartzbart's statement coupling the Polish Zionist-Revisionists with anti-Semites in his speech on Thursday. Schwartzbart had said the proposal for evacuation of Jews from Poland was supported only by anti-Semites and by the Revisionists.

LEHMAN SETS UP BODY TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION IN DEFENSE HIRING

ALBANY, March 31. (JTA) -- Citing continuing difficulties of members of minority groups in obtaining employment in defense industries, Governor Lehman has invited 27 prominent citizens to work with the State Defense Council to end discrimination in this field.

"At a time when the need for extending industrial activity is calling forth the utmost effort of both public and private organizations it is unperdonable defeatism for us not to find a way to use the labor resources which these minority groups represent," the Governor said in a letter to the 27. "Experience clearly indicates the loss of productive resources which such a course entails."

Earlier, Lehman signed the Kreinheder bill, which is designed to end "smear" tactics in political campaigns by compelling identification of the sources of all printed political propaganda. A large part of such propaganda in recent campaigns has been of an anti-Semitic nature.

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B'NAI B'RITH VOTES \$100,000 FOR MONSKY COLONY IN PALESTINE

CHICAGO, March 31. (JTA) --The triennial convention of B'nai B'rith today voted an appropriation of \$100,000 to establish a Palestine colony in the name of its president, Henry Monsky, adjoining the existing settlement named for Past-President Alfred M. Cohen.

The resolution, offered by Judge I.N. Golden of San Francisco, vice-president of B'nai B'rith, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote, provides that a large tract of Jewish National Fund land be acquired for the colony and that preference in settlement be given to refugees who were members of B'nai B'rith and their children.

The resolution cited the fact that Palestine has absorbed 250,000 refugees in recent years. The Cohen settlement, established in 1936, now has 100 refugee settlers.

The convention also voted \$5,000 to enlarge the Bogen-Rubinow forest in Palestine established in 1938 in memory of Boris Bogen and I.M. Rubinow. Other appropriations were: \$2,000 for the University in Exile in New York, \$500 for the B'nai B'rith Refugee Child Care Committee in England, which has previously received \$5,000, and \$500 for the Haifa Nautical School.

During today's session, Sigmund Livingston, chairman of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, urged a nation-wide campaign against anti-Semitism as a "holy cause," asserting that 100 Christian leaders with zeal and organization could prevent anti-Semitism from gaining a foothold in this country.

Livingston asserted that Germany was spending \$36,000,000 to conquer America. Germany need not attack America's shores if she succeeds in establishing anti-Semitism in the public mind here, Livingston said.

ERI JABOTINSKY DEMANDS JEWISH ARMY AT RECEPTION HERE

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- A demand that the British Government consent to formation of a full-fledged Jewish army was made by Eri Jacotinsky on Saturday night, speaking at a reception held by the Betar, Zionist-Revisionist youth organization, at the Hotel Capitol. It was exactly a year from the date when his late father, Vladimir Jabotinsky, inspected a Betar parade in the same hotel.

Speakers Saturday night included Consul-Generals M. Goris of Belgium and Karel Hudec of Czecho-Slovakia and Col. Stratekos, Greek military attache. Goris stressed the long-standing friendship between Jews and other citizens in Belgium.

MEDALIE HEADS NEW YORK FEDERATION

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Election of George Z. Medalie, former United States Attorney, as president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City was announced tonight following a meeting of the board of trustees at the Federation Building. Medalie succeeds Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, president since 1938.

ANTIQUES MUSEUM TO BE OPENED AT HEBREW U.

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University's Museum of Antiquities will be opened this week. At a press preview Dr. Werner Senator, administrator of the university, stated that buildings valued at £55,000 had been erected since the outbreak of the war.