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## NEW EXPULSIONS OF JEWS PUSHED BY NAZIS IN MANY AREAS OF EUROPE

GENEVA, June 29. (JTA)-- A series of Nazi-inspired expulsions of Jews from various sections of Europe have accompanied the week-old German war against Soviet Russia, it was reported here today, as Hitler-controlled papers in Paris called for a general exodus of Jews from the continent.

New expulsions of Jews from villages in Nazi-occupied Poland are reported in the Polish Jewish organ, Gazeta Zydowska. In many cases they have been transported to already overcrowded ghettos.

In German-occupied Rumania, Premier Ion Antonescu issued a decree providing for expulsion of Jews from all rural sections of Moldavia and Bukowina. The Bucharest radio said the only settlers who will be allowed henceforth in the northern frontier districts will be "pure ethnic Rumanians." Similar expulsion measures are planned for other Rumanian regions, it was reported.

The Kaunas radio reported that virtually the entire Jewish population had left Lithuania, which now forms a major front of the German-Soviet war.

Meanwhile, from Vichy it was reported that all Jews have been ordered to leave the capital of unoccupied France within a week. The measure was forecast on June 6 by Xavier Vallat, Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, who attributed the action to discovery of an alleged Jewish plot, about which he offered no details.

The Paris newspaper Le Matin declared in an article that a general evacuation of Jews from Europe would be the "only solution" of the Jewish problem. Other Paris papers and the radio reported pogroms in the "Jewish quarter" of Moscow which, they said, the Red Guards were unable to check. Unfortunately for the veracity of this story, there is no "Jewish quarter" in Moscow.

## BRUTAL TREATMENT OF JEWS IN NAZI POLAND DESCRIBED ON MOSCOW RADIO

LONDON, June 29. (JTA)-- Denouncing the persecution of Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland, the Moscow radio today broadcast an article by Prof. Grushevski, leading Polish scientist recently arrived from Warsaw, describing the Nazi horrors in the Warsaw ghetto.

The article, which was published in Pravda, relates how Jewish children are thrashed by the Nazis with rubber truncheons when they try to sneak out of the ghetto to beg food from Poles. Children under twelve are sent because they are not compelled to wear armbands.

The Jews, Prof. Grushevski stated, live in the ghetto in appalling poverty, without pure water and decent food and sanitation. They are undernourished and half-crazed. "It makes one shudder to be near those parts of Warsaw where the ghetto is situated. The sufferings of the Poles under the German yoke pale before those of the Jews," the Polish professor was quoted as declaring.

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Grushevski described how Jews were plundered by the Gestapo en route to the ghetto. "Everything, down to the last shirt, was stripped from them before they were herded into the narrow maze of ghetto streets. The chief Gestapo prison is also in the ghetto and when police cars pass, Gestapo agents, without provocation, leap out and beat up Jewish pedestrians, including children whose bleeding bodies are left lying in the streets."

#### HOLDS FRENCH JEWISH DOCTORS PRACTICE AS 'ARYANS'

VICHY, June 29. (JTA)-- The newspaper Paris-Soir calls for measures against Jews who continue to practice professions behind "Aryan" nameplates. It demands internment in labor camps for Jews who do this and imprisonment and withdrawal of licenses from "corrupted Aryans."

#### FRENCH PAPER PAYS TRIBUTE TO DEAD 'ALLIANCE' LEADER

VICHY, June 29. (JTA)-- Commenting on the death of George Leven, acting president of the Alliance Israelite, the newspaper Le Temps declares: "He dedicated his life to good and attached himself to improving the condition of his coreligionists wherever they were miserable and developing schools where French culture and love of France were taught. His heart, which was cruelly affected by recent events, could not withstand them."

A Government decree nominates Bloch-Laroque, honorary councillor of the Court of Cassation, as president of the honorary chamber of the same court.

#### BERGSON REFUSED CONVERSION, CATHOLIC SCHOLAR REVEALS

VICHY, June 29. (JTA)-- Father Sertillanges, noted Catholic philosopher and member of the French Institute, has published a new book in Paris, entitled "With Henri Bergson," in which he reveals that he tried to convert the late philosopher to Christianity and got him to admit that Jesus Christ was superhuman, but conversion was not obtained. He adds that towards the end of his life Prof. Bergson wished baptism.

#### RABBIS URGE 'MORE DURABLE' GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL

ATLANTIC CITY, June 29. (JTA)-- The Central Conference of American Rabbis was today on record with a resolution urging a meeting to plan "a more comprehensive, responsive and durable" General Jewish Council and expressing satisfaction that the Council had given adequate recognition to organized religious forces as represented by the Synagogue Council of America.

The resolution said: "In view of the difficulties which developed within the General Jewish Council, causing one of the major bodies to withdraw, and in view of other criticisms which have been directed at the form or organization and program of activities of the Council, we regard it as of primary importance to convene at the earliest time a meeting of all interested bodies to discuss these matters, looking toward a more comprehensive, responsive and durable form of organization...We instruct our delegates on the Synagogue Council to urge that body to tender its best offices to that end. It is with this understanding only that we instruct our delegates on the Synagogue Council to accept membership offered in the General Jewish Council."

The meeting approved the reports of its commissions on Social Justice and International Peace, which urged establishment of a federal union of states as a basis for post-war peace.

A shortage of chaplains for the army was reported by Rabbi Aryeh Lev, assistant to the Army Chief of Chaplains, who declared there was room for 40 more. He said most of those applying were not suitable material. He said more than half of the present Jewish chaplains were orthodox and asserted this did not make for the utmost smoothness. He pointed out many orthodox chaplains found it difficult to hold more than one service on Friday evenings as cantonments cover 25 miles and the orthodox rabbis would not travel on the Sabbath.

Some cannot understand that the Government cannot meet dietary and Sabbath laws in the army, Rabbi Lev said. In many camps thousands of Jewish soldiers were without chaplains, he pointed out, urging that better men of the rabbinate who could obtain leave from their congregations enter the army.

#### ILLINOIS GOVERNOR VETOES ANTI-ALIENS BILL, REBUKES ASSEMBLY

CHICAGO, June 29. (JTA)-- Governor Dwight Green has vetoed the anti-alien bill, it was announced today, on recommendation of Attorney General Joseph Barrett, who ruled that it was unconstitutional since it violated the 14th Amendment.

In his veto message, the Governor censured the State Assembly for adopting such a bill at a time when democracy was in danger from racial discrimination and religious bigotry. He emphasized the plight of refugees who had "fled from tyranny, hoping to find haven in the new world."

The assembly, meanwhile, approved a bill forbidding the wearing of foreign uniforms at public places.

#### WILLKIE GETS JEWISH VETS' AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA)-- Wendell L. Willkie yesterday was presented with the Jewish War Veterans' 1941 "American Leadership Award" at a luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria. The presentation was made by Fred S. Harris, National Commander. The citation praised Willkie's "splendid example of selfless patriotism, which is and will continue to be an inspiration to the people of the United States."

#### WOULD AVOID SENTIMENT IN SOLVING POST-WAR MINORITIES PROBLEM

YELLOW SPRINGS, O., June 29. (JTA)-- Solution of minorities problems through divorcing the notion of sentiment from that of territory was recommended today by Dr. Albert L. Guerard during a roundtable on the third day of the Conference on Post-War Reconstruction being held at Antioch College.

In a talk on "Culture and Territories," Dr. Guerard, who is professor of general literature at Stanford University, held that "the hope of drawing a simple harmonious map of Europe on the basis of self-determination is a delusion."

Dr. Guerard said that all Europe west of Russia must be organized into a single economic unit with a common social legislation. But such a union, he felt, would be defeated if sharply divided national blocks were reconstituted. Instead, he urged the restoration of 60 or more federated states which would function purely as administrative units and would not be exclusively identified with a national culture. "Then, he said, let that complete cultural freedom be proclaimed which must transcend all material boundaries."

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Others who took part in the morning's program, which was devoted to "Populations and Minorities Questions," were David V. Glass, English author and Oscar I. Janowsky, author of "The Jews and Minority Rights."

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Meanwhile, Schwartzbart received from the secretary of Polish President Raczkiewicz a letter expressing appreciation for a pamphlet issued to Polish troops in Palestine which appeals for cooperation between Jews and Poles.

A declaration endorsing democratic principles, particularly with regard to the Jews, in accordance with the Polish Government's declaration last November and the recent resolution of the Cabinet, was made at the Polish National Council by Michal Kwiatkowski in the name of the Polish Work Party, which was created by the fusion of Paderewski's National Workers' Party and the Christian Democratic Party.

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