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THOUSANDS OF JEWS KILLED BY NAZI BOMBS IN ZHITOMIR AND BERDITCHEV

STOCKHOLM, July 8 (JTA)-- Thousands of Jews are reported killed by Nazi bombs in Zhitomir and Berditchev, two cities in the Soviet Ukraine thickly populated with Jews, which were mercilessly hammered today by the German air forces.

At the same time the Aftonbladet, a pro-Nazi newspaper published here, reports today from Berlin that "there is no longer any Jewish problem existing in the Baltic countries since all Jews there accompanied the retreating Russian army".

The Aemtlicher Anseiger des General Government, Nazi official gazette for occupied Poland, which reached Stockholm today carries an announcement that the entire Jewish population residing on the western bank of the Vistula River in the Warsaw area has been expelled. Many of the Jews had undergone numerous expulsions before they reached the Warsaw area.

The Anseiger also reports that the old Jewish section of Cracow where there are still 11,000 Jews crowded in a ghetto, will be demolished "in connection with a plan to reconstruct the city".

Swedish correspondents now touring the German-Soviet war zone as guests of the German military headquarters reported today that there are thousands of Jews among the Soviet war prisoners and that the German military command is segregating the Jewish war prisoners into separate internment camps. The correspondents describe horrible scenes of destruction of many towns and villages and disclose that hunger is wide-spread in Nazi-held Poland. The correspondent of the Tidnings on the eastern war front reports that in practically all Nazi-occupied cities of Soviet Galicia there is no drinking water since the retreating Soviet armies have destroyed the waterworks, the electric power stations and all factories.

DR. OTTO HIRSCH, REICHSVEREINIGUNG PRESIDENT, REPORTED DEAD

LISEON, July 8 (JTA)-- Dr. Otto Hirsch, president of the Reichsvereinigung of German Jews, died this week in Germany, according to reports received here today. No details of the circumstances of his death are available.

Dr. Hirsch, who was 55 years old, has been the head of the Reichsvereinigung since 1935. He has been arrested by the Gestapo on several occasions and held for varying periods.

HAIFA SUFFERS HEAVY DAYLIGHT BOMB ATTACK; NO CASUALTIES

JERUSALEM, July 8, (JTA)-- Heavy bombing took place in Haifa today when enemy planes carried out a daylight attack, dropping bombs on every section of the city. There were no casualties but civilian property sustained much damage.

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Some thirty thousand messages of good cheer have been sent by Palestinians to friends and relatives residing in Nazi occupied territories during the last eight months through the Red Cross, it was disclosed here today. Twenty thousand replies were received since February. Eleven languages were employed in sending these messages including English, French, Italian, German, Polish, Hungarian, Roumanian, Greek and Dutch.

The Palestine post office maintains a special branch which remits small parcels through the Red Cross in Geneva to British and Palestinian war prisoners interned in enemy camps.

NEW ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED BY NAZIS IN BELGIUM

LONDON, July 8, (JTA)-- Stricter measures against Jews in Belgium have been enacted by Nazi authorities there, according to reports reaching Belgian circles here. The new anti-Jewish restrictions provide:

1. All Jews must surrender their radios.
2. No bank is permitted to accept further deposits from Jews.
3. Jews are no longer permitted to dispose of their property without the authorization of the Nazi military commander.
4. Jews must deliver to the National Bank all their foreign exchange holdings.
5. Jewish firms must print the word "Jewish" on their stationery in French, German and Flemish.

PORTUGAL RESTRICTS SHIPPING OF FOOD PARCELS TO NAZI-HELD TERRITORIES

LISBON, July 8, (JTA)-- The last route for shipment of food parcels to relatives in Nazi occupied territories was closed today, when the Portuguese post office authorities announced that in the future shipments of food parcels outside of Portugal will be restricted to a small list of articles. The list excludes most of the staples which have hitherto been sent from here to various countries under German occupation.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT CONSIDERS NEW RACIAL BILL

BUDAPEST, July 8, (JTA)-- A discussion on the so-called "race protection bill" which emulates the racial laws of Germany was started here today in both houses of the Hungarian parliament, while the Budapest radio announced that 170 persons, mostly Jews, have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment "for spreading false rumors" and for allegedly violating the blackout regulations.

The racial bill which is now before Parliament forbids marriage between Jews and non-Jews. Persons are not considered Jews, by the bill, if only two grandparents are Jewish, provided that they were baptized at birth.

REVISIONISTS CALL FOR JOINT ACTION AGAINST ARAB PLAN

LONDON, July 7, (JTA)-- The Administrative Committee of the New Zionist Organization announced today that it has submitted a proposal to the Jewish Agency and other interested Jewish organizations for joint action to "meet the threat of present Arab conversations in Cairo which aim to change the political structure to the detriment of Zionism".

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ACTION STARTED TO CURB NAZI DIVISIVE PROPAGANDA IN CAMPS

NEW YORK, July 8, (JTA)-- Assessing evidence that divisive propaganda is being used by the Nazis to disrupt morale in the Selective Service Camps throughout the United States, the Council Against Intolerance has issued a handbook on national unity to be used by group leaders in the camps, by service organizations, and by recreation centers in communities near the camps.

The handbook, entitled "Calling All Americans", seeks to prevent such divisive plottings within American ranks. It calls attention to the great contributions made by the diversified stocks coming from many national backgrounds who make up our training forces. It exposes propaganda techniques used by the Nazis in the United States and provides effective means to combat them. The handbook was prepared after consultation with heads of the Selective Service System, the Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation and other governmental agencies.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS EXPLAINED BY NEW NRS DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, July 8, (JTA)-- Assuming his new post as Executive Director of the National Refugee Service, Albert Abrahamson, former professor of economics at Bowdoin College, in a statement, clarified the general matter of refugee admission into the United States. "There has been much misunderstanding and anxiety in recent weeks concerning new State Department regulations on immigration. However, the National Refugee Service believes that refugee migration will be maintained at the same level as heretofore - that is, between 2,000 and 3,000 a month. The centralization of visa issuance in the State Department at Washington will enable American social agencies - including the National Refugee Service - to render greater services to potential refugees and their friends and relatives in America. It is understood that each application for a visa will be handled on an individual basis, sympathetically and quickly".

IRAQ PREMIER RENDERS RELIEF TO JEWISH VICTIMS IN BAGDAD

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)-- The premier of Iraq, Sayid Almadfai, presented the Jewish community of Bagdad with a gift of £200 for the victims of the anti-Jewish pogrom which took place in Bagdad two months ago during the pro-Nazi insurrection. It was reported at the time that some 500 Jews were killed and 1,500 wounded.

RABBI ISRAEL CHOSEN AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF U.A.H.C.

CINCINNATI, July 8, (JTA)-- Rabbi Edward L. Israel was named new executive secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was learned here today. Rabbi Israel, who has been rabbi of Temple Har Sinai at Baltimore since 1925, will succeed Rabbi George Zepin who resigned as U.A.H.C. executive secretary, effective October 1st, at the last convention of the organization in Detroit.

Rabbi Israel is a Zionist, his active service in that field including presidency of the Z.O.A. seaboard region since 1931 and membership on the national Executive Committee in 1935. He is chairman of the Social Justice Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, member of the Executive Committee of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Commission and member of the Administrative Committee of the World Jewish Congress.

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VICTORY CAMPAIGN FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LAUNCHED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 8, (JTA)-- An impressive campaign for Palestine to be conducted as the Victory Campaign was launched here today by the Jewish National Fund at a luncheon at Grosvenor House, attended by over 500 prominent guests including representatives of the various governments-in-exile which have their seats now in London.

Samson Wright, president of the Jewish National Fund in England, emphasized in his welcoming speech that the Jewish people could rightly regard themselves as Britain's ally in the present struggle which is not waged solely between geographical entities but between ideas and ideals transcending frontiers. "The British government", Mr. Wright said, "has been reluctant to make the Jewish position adequately plain. This silence has been a source of grief for us. But happily, the Prime Minister in his recent broadcast cleared misunderstandings when he asserted that friends of Britain - those whom Britain would aid - were every person and every state resisting Nazism."

Chief Rabbi Herts in delivering the principal speech recalled Jeremiah's purchase of land when Jerusalem was besieged by the Babylonians. He pointed out that this ancient act of faith constituted a remarkable justification for our proceedings today. He voiced his faith in the ultimate victory of Britain and its allies and paid homage to the ideal of a Jewish national home in a free Palestine, where there will be no domination of Arabs by Jews or of Jews by Arabs. "It is for us to repurchase our family inheritance in Palestine and thus make possible Jewish life to grow again in strength and in numbers on the hills and in the valleys of the Holy Land."

The gathering sent a message of faith to the Yishuv in Palestine stressing the fact that the proclaimed J.N.F. Victory Campaign has as its purpose "to assist in achieving a speedy and victorious end of the common fight for the cause of human freedom, which is also the proud cause of the Jewish people."

A message of hope was also sent to the suffering Jews of Europe expressing "unquenchable faith in a victory that will soon bring you salvation."

The gathering concluded with the singing of Hatikvah in which the representatives of the Polish, Czech, Dutch, Greek, Free French and other governments-in-exile joined.

JEWISH YOUTH CONVENTION TO DISCUSS DEFENSE

KERVILLE, Texas, July 8, (JTA)-- A detailed program for youth participation in the nation's defense activities will be discussed here at the 18th annual national convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, the youth organization of the B'nai B'rith, which meets at Schreiner Institute from July 12th to 18th. More than 400 representatives from every state in the Union are expected to attend.

JUDGE I. M. GOLDEN DIES SUDDENLY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8 (JTA)-- Judge I. M. Golden, national vice-president of B'nai B'rith, and one of the outstanding Jewish leaders of the Pacific Coast, died suddenly at his home here, aged 63.