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### NAZIS ADMIT EXECUTION OF JEWS IN BIALYSTOK; JEWISH DOCTORS MOBILIZED FOR MILITARY HOSPITALS

STOCKHOLM, July 17, (JTA)-- The Berlin radio in a broadcast last night admitted the mass-execution of Jews in Bialystok and the burning of synagogues there immediately after the occupation of that city by German troops.

It was learned here today also that the Nazi authorities in occupied Poland issued an order to all Jewish doctors and medical students to report at once to German military quarters for assignment to military hospitals overcrowded with German soldiers and officers wounded on the Russian front. The mobilization of Jewish doctors for work in German military hospitals will greatly affect Jewish health conditions in the ghettos where typhus is reported to be raging.

The correspondent of the Swedish liberal newspaper Dagens Nyheter who just returned to Berlin from a visit to Warsaw, wires from Berlin that an average of ~~one hundred~~ <sup>one hundred</sup> typhus cases monthly have been registered in the Warsaw ghetto during the last months. Describing the starvation which he observed among the Jews in the ghetto, the correspondent states that the German official who took him around the ghetto explained to him sarcastically that the ghetto is not being supplied with sufficient food "because the Jews are on a slimming diet". The correspondent describes general conditions of life in the ghetto as utterly miserable. "There are no parks, no gardens, no playgrounds in all of the ghetto territory. Everything is bought and sold there on the street pavements. Even drinking water is sold. A glass of water costs ten groshen", the Swedish correspondent states in his report.

In reporting on the execution of Jews in Bialystok by German soldiers, the Berlin radio stated that a search for arms was conducted by the invading troops in the burning synagogues "where large armament stores were found". Also that "food dumps were discovered in Jewish homes". The search continued several days.

### BULGARIA IMPOSES \$15,000,000 LEVY ON ITS JEWISH POPULATION

LONDON, July 17, (JTA)-- Jews in Nazi-dominated Bulgaria will have to surrender to the Government twenty percent of their entire capital, it was announced today over the Bulgarian radio.

The order imposing a twenty percent levy on Jewish capital went into effect in Bulgaria today, the radio announcer said. It is expected that this measure will yield one-and-a-half billion levas, approximately \$15,000,000, to the treasury, he added.

### JEWS IN PRAGUE ORDERED FOR LABOR SERVICE

LISBON, July 17, (JTA)-- All Jewish men in the Czech Protectorate between the ages of 18 and 46, who have not yet been examined for labor service have been ordered to report immediately to their local Jewish community headquarters for medical examination and assignment to labor projects, according to a notice published in the Prague press.

The official organ of the Prague Jewish community publishes in its current issue a sharp reminder to the Jews of the city that they may make purchases at "Aryan" shops only between three and five o'clock in the afternoon. At other hours, the notice warns them, purchases by Jews at "Aryan" shops and stalls are forbidden.

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JEWS IN ITALY HIT BY NEW U.S. IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

ROME, July 17, (JTA)-- With immigration to the United States practically suspended as a result of the State Department's recent restrictions, Jewish refugees in Italy, as well as native Jews, find little hope of escape from Europe before the end of the war. There is still a slight trickle of migration to Argentina and Brazil, particularly among converted Jews, but the number of refugees fortunate enough to obtain visas for these countries is so small as to be insignificant.

The decision of the United States Government that the admission of immigrants who left close relatives behind in certain "unfriendly" countries and territories occupied by them would constitute a peril to United States interests because of possible intimidations, has brought with it a great many disillusionments and personal catastrophes among refugees and native Jews. Actually, it is ascertained that the intimidation of relatives of emigrants has not been practised in Italy. The general opinion is that there is little likelihood of such a practise being inaugurated in this country.

The immigration restrictions came most painfully to a considerable group who had already succeeded in overcoming the severe consular requirements of financial guarantees and paid for ship reservations to the United States. They were due to receive their visas on July 1st, which is the first day of the new quota year. Not only did they not receive their visas now, but they will lose their ship passage by default. They remain without clothing, as baggage is usually sent ahead to Lisbon by train while the immigrant proceeds by plane. To comply with the financial guarantees required by the Consulate, all those who possessed foreign funds, deposited the sums in United States banks under the form of irrevocable trust funds. If they are unable to reach the United States, these trust funds will remain frozen for the duration of the war. Several hundred refugees in Italy are believed effected in this manner.

Since the Italian racial laws came into effect in September 1938, approximately 4500 immigration visas have been issued in Italy to Italian Jews. This is considerably below the Italian quota limit of 5000 yearly. About 5500 immigration visas have been issued to foreign Jewish refugees in Italy during the same period.

REFUGEES HAVE BROUGHT OVER \$750,000,000 TO THE UNITED STATES, IS REPORTED

NEW YORK, July 17, (JTA)-- Refugees from Europe admitted into the United States since 1939 have brought with them a sum estimated to be "anywhere from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. It is reported in this week's issue of "Financial World" published here.

The financial publication, in an article dealing with the "substantial amounts of refugee wealth carried to our shores" says that for a number of reasons it is virtually impossible to make a faithful check of all incoming capital.

"In the absence of complete data, we might hazard a guess and say that anywhere from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 of refugee wealth has flowed to this country since 1939", the article states. It adds that "foreign nationals now in the United States are pretty much of a representative cross-section, as far as placing their funds is concerned".

A.Z.A. CONVENTION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

KERVILLE, Texas, July 17, (JTA)-- Philip M. Klutznick of Omaha, attorney, Zionist and leader in Jewish welfare work, was elected president of the Supreme Advisory Council of the Joseph Zedik Aleph, B'nai B'rith youth organization, at today's session of the A.Z.A. convention taking place here.

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NEW YORK, July 17, (JTA)-- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, is returning to Lisbon tomorrow on the American Clipper to resume his duties in connection with the war relief program pursued by the J.D.C. He has been in the United States since May 1st conferring with American officers of the J.D.C. on the new problems arising out of current war developments.

"Paramount among the problems of the refugees in Western Europe today is that of emigration", Dr. Schwartz stated. "Although all American consulates in Germany, Italy and countries occupied by them have been forced to close, there are several thousand people in Europe today who have valid visas already stamped in their passports. Their departure must be expedited before those visas expire. The Joint Distribution Committee is also concerned with thousands of other prospective emigrants in Germany, Italy and occupied lands for whom some form of procedure must be worked out which will enable them to proceed for visa examination to Switzerland, Portugal and other countries where there are available American consulates.

"At present we are making bookings on half a dozen boats which are scheduled to leave Spain or Portugal within the next month, involving 2,000 - 3,000 passages. There are numerous technicalities and complications to be dealt with, and our office in Lisbon is acting as a clearing house for all these problems.

"The program of the J.D.C. in France", Dr. Schwartz continued, "has taken on new significance as a result of the recent measures concerning the Jews promulgated by the Vichy Government. With the use of our funds, close to 50,000 refugees in France are being maintained. This number includes some 16,000 who are in the internment camps and to whom we are able to furnish supplementary food, clothing, medical aid and other services; about 14,500 who are technically at liberty but whose full maintenance is being supplied through the committees affiliated with us; 5,500 children who are being cared for in homes, orphanages, day nurseries and other child care agencies; and thousands of members of the "intellectual" category, such as former journalists, painters, sculptors, actors and religious officials".

Dr. Schwartz explained that most of the J.D.C. overseas remittances today are sent under Treasury licenses. Since June 14th, when the Treasury order was issued freezing the funds of certain countries, the J.D.C. has obtained licenses to transmit over \$475,000 abroad.

"We continue to maintain our long-standing policy of not sending American dollars into aggressor nations or territories occupied by them. All J.D.C. work in Germany, Austria, former Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc., is conducted through financial clearance arrangements, Dr. Schwartz concluded.

BRITISH SOLDIERS DANCE "HORA" WITH JEWISH SETTLERS IN PALESTINE

SAFED, Palestine, July 17, (JTA)-- British and Australian fliers who took part in the Syrian campaign gaily tripped the Hora, Palestine Jewish dance, today joined by Jewish settlers at festivities in Kibbutz Machnaim celebrating the termination of hostilities on the Palestine-Syrian front.

Refreshments were served, and the more serious side was also not ignored. The people listened to an address by one of the Jewish settlers who emphasized the Jewish contribution to the British war effort. The Jewish volunteers are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the allied forces for the common cause of freedom, he emphasized. A British officer replying, said that the allied forces greatly appreciate the assistance given them by the Jewish colonists in Palestine. "The Jewish hospitality extended to us during the Syrian campaign is especially appreciated by all of us", he added.

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