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### GHETTO FOR 20,000 JEWS ESTABLISHED IN KAUNAS BY NAZIS

STOCKHOLM, July 22, (JTA)-- A ghetto for 20,000 Jews has been established in Kaunas, capital of Lithuania, by the Nazi authorities, according to a report today from the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Tidnings, Swedish daily newspaper.

Describing conditions in Kaunas and Vilna, both of which were occupied by Nazi troops on June 21, the correspondent states that half the Jewish population in both cities departed with the retreating Soviet armies. Jews still remaining in the city are forced to wear armlets bearing the star of David.

The Jewish population in Soviet territory, occupied by the German army is not permitted to leave home from 8 P.M. to 5 A.M., even during the air raids, another report says.

Simultaneously it is reported that the Soviet authorities in Kiev, the threatened capital of the Ukraine, are allowing refugees to proceed into the interior. To facilitate orderly traveling, all refugees desiring to leave for a safer zone are given a special permit on which the number of their train and the date of departure are marked.

### HUNGARY DEPORTS 6,000 JEWS TO NAZI-OCCUPIED POLAND

LISBON, July 22, (JTA)-- More than 6,000 Jewish refugees, the majority of them stateless, have been rounded up in Hungarian frontier districts and deported into Nazi-occupied Galicia, it was learned here today.

Raids on Jews are being made also in Budapest with the view of ascertaining whether they are Hungarian-born. Those born in any of the former parts of Poland are herded into jails for deportation to German-occupied Poland in accordance with an arrangement existing between the Berlin and Budapest authorities. Passengers on each train reaching Budapest from the interior of Hungary are examined as to their identity, in order to prevent stateless and Polish Jews escaping to the Hungarian capital from the provincial towns where they live in constant fear of deportation.

### NAZIS INTENSIFY ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN OCCUPIED COUNTRIES: RUMANIA CLOSED TO JEWS

LONDON, July 22, (JTA)-- Pressed by the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda, the radio stations in Paris, Holland, Yugoslavia and other Nazi-occupied territories launched today on an intensified anti-Jewish campaign, while the Governments of Nazi-controlled Rumania and Hungary announced new severe anti-Jewish measures.

A decree announced today over the Rumanian radio stations, completely prohibits the entrance of foreign Jews into the country irrespective of their citizenship. It was emphasized that by orders of the Rumanian premier, Gen. Antonescu, any Jew caught entering Rumania or trying to cross the frontier will be treated as a spy and shot. The measure is taken chiefly to prevent the entrance of Jews from Nazi-held Galicia where the Jewish population is reported to be suffering from actual hunger.

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The Budapest radio today reported that 500 Jews "mostly of Eastern origin" were arrested during a large-scale police roundup. Simultaneously it was reported here today that in Pilsen, in the Czech Protectorate, an order was issued, prohibiting Jews from using the street cars and the autobusses.

The intensified anti-Jewish broadcasts emanating from the radio stations in Nazi-dominated countries follows the lines of the Reich radio, accusing the Jews of being responsible for the war with Soviet Russia. The Nazi radio stations in Berlin and other German cities last night broadcast a "scientific report" coming from the Institute for Research on Jewish Questions, which the Nazis maintain in Frankfurt-on-Main, alleging that for the last twenty-five years "Jews have caused two wars and five revolutions."

#### GERMAN REFUGEE DOCTORS MAKE IMPORTANT DISCOVERY TO AID WOUNDED SOLDIERS

LONDON, July 22. (JTA)-- An invention which is said to mark a revolutionary development in the administration of anaesthetics and which, it is predicted, will be the means of saving the lives of thousands of wounded soldiers, has been patented here by two German Jewish scientists, Dr. Kurt Mendelson and Dr. Hans Epstein.

The invention known as the Oxford vaporizer is an automatic apparatus enabling anaesthetists to determine the exact amount of anaesthetic vapor a patient has received. At the same time, it permits the anaesthetist to control several instruments simultaneously, thus making it peculiarly serviceable in cases where a mass of wounded soldiers or civilians are involved. It not only expedites operations but makes them safer, it is said.

Dr. Mendelson is thirty-five and his colleague thirty-two. Both had been engaged in research on the problem at Berlin University prior to the advent of Hitler. Dr. Mendelson was the first to come to England, leaving Germany three years after Hitler's accession to power, while Dr. Epstein was unable to get out of Germany before 1939, when he resumed his joint labors with his former colleague, which have now been crowned with success.

#### NAZIS REPORT EXECUTION OF LARGE NUMBER OF JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA

ZURICH, July 22. (JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today report that "a large number of Jews" were shot in Yugoslavia "as a result of a sabotage attempt near the town of Valjevo."

The execution of a Jew and a Pole in Koenigsburg is reported in the Koenigsberger Allgemeine Zeitung. The Jew and Pole were sentenced to death by a court martial for the alleged shooting of a German customs officer.

A report from Bulgaria says that the Nazis plan to take Yugoslav and Bulgarian Jews from concentration camps for forced labor on the projected extension of railroad lines in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

#### 220 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GREECE HELD PRISONERS ON ITALIAN ISLAND

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA)-- Two hundred and twenty Jewish refugees fleeing from Greece have been captured by the Italians and taken to Rhodes, where they are now serving in compulsory labor battalions at work repairing roads, it was disclosed today by Turkish fishermen who returned from a visit to that island.

The refugees, including both men and women, are facing starvation as a result of small food rations. Urgent appeals for assistance have been directed to various Jewish institutions.

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ROOSEVELT NAMES HENRY MONSKY TO NATIONAL CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt has named Henry Monsky, of Omaha, president of B'nai B'rith, to the membership of the National Volunteer Participation Committee which will act as an advisory and planning body in the organization of the Office of Civilian Defense, headed by Mayor LaGuardia.

B'nai B'rith has engaged in numerous national defense activities in cooperation with the government and other national organizations.

ROOSEVELT URGED TO CANCEL NEW VISA RESTRICTIONS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA)-- An appeal to President Roosevelt to use the powers granted him by the Congress to wipe out the "intolerable injustice" of the State Department's new policy of denying visas to refugees who have relatives in Germany, Italy or the Nazi-controlled countries, is made in this week's issue of the Nation in an article by Freda Kirchway, the editor.

Miss Kirchway charges that "this cruel, indiscriminate exclusion act was put through in the form of a ruling by the Visa Division, headed by one of the most reactionary, fascist-minded members of the department, Avra W. Warren." "It was put through," Miss Kirchway charges, "without consultation with Sumner Welles, the acting Secretary of State, without the knowledge of the Department of Justice, and without the consent of the President.

"The excuse concocted by the Visa Division was ingenious," the article says. "It announced that refugees with relatives left in German-controlled territory were forced to act as Nazi agents in order to save their kinsmen from reprisals. This is a good story with which to win popular support for a brutal and unjust restriction; nobody wants Nazi spies and agents turned loose in the United States. The only flaw in the story is its absolute lack of verification. Two weeks ago The Nation asked the State Department to cite a single instance of the coerced espionage it pretends it is protecting us from. No answer has come yet."

The article asserts that "the State Department story is a canard." It points out that by two recent acts of Congress the President has been given almost unlimited power over the entrance and departure of both aliens and citizens. "Under these laws he can certainly establish regulations which overrule or modify any existing departmental orders--especially orders issued without the knowledge or consent of the higher responsible officials and without legislative sanction. He should promptly demand a full report from the Department of Justice, as well as the Department of State, on the circumstances which allegedly made the new restrictions necessary," Miss Kirchway demands.

PALESTINE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION URGES UNMARRIED MEMBERS TO ENLIST

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA)-- The Jewish Journalists Association of Palestine today passed a resolution urging all their unmarried members between the ages of twenty and thirty to voluntarily enlist in the British forces.

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JEWISH COMMITTEE IN ARGENTINE SENDS \$40,000 TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR JEWISH AIR SQUADRON

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA)-- Ten thousand pounds, approximately \$40,000, have been sent to the British Government by the Jewish Committee in Argentina which is raising funds for Jewish Air Squadrons, it was announced here today by the Presidency of the New Zionist Organisation.

The Jewish Committee in Argentina has, according to the announcement, asked the British Government that the first two planes bought from the above funds should be named "Herald" and "Balfour". The Committee has been invited to join the Interallied Committee of Argentina and is represented there by Dr. Jose Mirelman, president of the New Zionist Organisation in that country.

BRITISH AIR MINISTER AND LLOYD GEORGE PAY TRIBUTE TO JABOTINSKY

LONDON, July 22. (JTA)-- Tributes from many leaders of British public life, including Lloyd George and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister in the British Cabinet, were paid to Vladimir Jabotinsky, late Revisionist leader, at memorial services held in London last night commemorating the first anniversary of his death.

Eulogizing the courage of Jabotinsky and his services to the British Army during the last war, the British Air Minister in a message said they should serve "as an inspiration to all men of the Jewish faith wherever they may be to continue the fight against Nazi tyranny until victory is finally won."

Lloyd George in a message declared that he remembered well "the invaluable services to the Allied cause rendered by Jabotinsky in forming the Jewish Battalions in Allenby's victorious army, thereby revealing to the world that the martial qualities of the ancient Maccabees was still alive in the Jewish people."

"I know of his offer," Lloyd George's message continued, "to form a Jewish army and air force alongside of the Allies in the present struggle against Nazi tyranny, an offer which should have been accepted without hesitation and delay. Jabotinsky was a born leader who put all of his heart, soul and mind in the struggle for freedom and justice for his people. May the torch he kindled continue to act as a beacon to point the way for the restoration of Jewish rights and liberties after the war."

Messages were also received from Jan Masaryk, Lord Snell and Lord Strabolgi. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Clement Davies and Commander Locker-Lampson.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT MOBILE CLINICS TO CANADIAN ARMY

TORONTO, July 22. (JTA)-- Two mobile dental clinics for use by the Canadian Dental Corps in active service were presented to the Red Cross here this week by two Jewish organizations. One was the gift of the Jewish Workmens' Circle, a fraternal order, and the other came from the Linnitser Society. The ambulances were received by Dr. Fred Konboy, mayor of Toronto, and by C. F. Flewmen, secretary of the Ontario Red Cross.

In presenting the clinics, the representatives of the Jewish organizations pointed out that the gifts are an expression of Jewish belief in the ultimate victory of the Allied armies. Over 1,500 guests were present at the ceremony including representatives of the Canadian forces.