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POGROM FEARED IN RIGA: THOUSANDS OF JEWS ARRESTED

STOCKHOLM, July 27. (JTA)-- Anti-Jewish massacres are feared by the Jewish population in Riga, capital of Latvia, as a result of the intense anti-Semitic propaganda which the Nazi occupational forces are now carrying on in the city, a report from Riga to the Svenska Dagebladet states today.

The report reveals that thousands of Jews have been arrested by the Nazis in Riga. Prison camps in Latvia are overcrowded with Jewish men and women who did not retreat with the Soviet Armies. More than 3,800 Jews are held in the Riga Central Prison, the normal capacity of which is 1,500. Many Jews have "disappeared" after being taken from their homes by Nazi soldiers.

"About ninety percent of the Latvian and Jewish intellectuals in Riga have been wiped out," the Swedish newspaper reports.

The same newspaper carries a report from its Berlin correspondent stating that a completely Ukrainian administration has been established by the German authorities in Lwow. Heading this administration is a Ukrainian agent of the Gestapo, a certain Polinski, who is to emulate the Gestapo policy in Poland by establishing a ghetto for Jews in Lwow, and by introducing all the anti-Jewish regulations which are now in force throughout the Nazi-held Polish territory.

JEWISH REFUGEES SHIPPED FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE TO NAZI-HELD TERRITORY

LISBON, July 27. (JTA)-- The transfer of foreign-born interned Jewish refugees from unoccupied France into the Nazi-occupied part of the country was reported here today. It was authoritatively learned that the first group of foreign-born Jewish refugees were sent from concentration camps in unoccupied France to various sections of the occupied zone to do forced labor.

It was not possible to establish whether further transfers would be made but it was pointed out here today that such a possibility exists. This would affect thousands of Jews who escaped from Germany and who will now again fall into the hands of the Nazis.

There are today more than 60,000 Jewish refugees in unoccupied France, according to an estimate made on the basis of official French Government figures. They include refugees who had found asylum in France prior to the invasion, as well as several groups who have arrived since the invasion, such as 8,000 from Belgium, 1,000 from Luxemburg, about 8,000 from Baden and the Palatinate, and the Jews expelled from Alsace-Lorraine.

The welfare of some 20,000 interned Jews who are centered largely in eight major camps, is being supervised by the Camp Commission organized by the Comite d'Assistance aux Refugies which has its headquarters in Toulouse and which is in touch with the Joint Distribution Committee.

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LABOR SHORTAGE IMPELS REICH TO BID EXILED JEWS RETURN

LONDON, July 27. (JTA)-- The labor shortage in Germany is so acute now that German consulates in Switzerland were reported by Reynolds News today to be inviting German Jews to return to the Reich for jobs in various war industries.

Similar invitations, it was recalled here, were said to have been extended by the German consulates in Switzerland and other countries prior to outbreak of the war. The invitations at that time were accompanied by assurances that the Jews who returned would not be subjected to the discriminations and inconveniences imposed on co-religionists in Germany.

It has not been recorded that any of these invitations have been accepted.

ORDER BARRING JEWS FROM BATHING PLACES VOIDED IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, July 27. (JTA)-- The administrative order barring Jews from public beaches and health resorts in Hungary has been cancelled by the Hungarian Minister of Interior, it was announced today. The anti-Semitic press comments that "the order had freed these places from Jews for at least several months."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PLEDGES ANTI-STRIKE LAW WILL NOT AFFECT WORKERS' RIGHTS

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA)-- The Palestine Government, in a statement made public today, clarified the objectives of the proposed law against strikes and lockouts, which is opposed by the Jewish Agency. The statement emphasizes that the law does not aim to suppress the rights of organized labor in Palestine.

"There is no intention on the part of the Government to lower the economic standard or depress the corporate status of the workers. Nor is the Government convinced that such consequences will result from the application of the law," the statement explains.

The statement points out that the law is not applicable to disputes not connected with the war effort, including the maintenance of the communities' essential services. Also, it is highly probable that the law will seldom be invoked, the statement explains, adding that, where vital interests are at stake, however, it is not advisable to take any risks.

"Even in a dispute connected with an industry engaged in the war effort both parties involved have considerable time to reach a settlement before it becomes obligatory to submit the dispute to the Arbitration Board, whose decision in such controversies is to be final and without appeal," the statement says, adding that the law will be repealed as soon as the emergency is over.

GESTAPO IMPOSES CONTROL ON JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNDS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA)-- Abolition of the financial independence of the Jewish communities in Germany, was reported here today by the American Friends of German Freedom, an anti-Nazi group, on the basis of information reaching the organization directly from Germany. The report, smuggled from Hamburg, pictures especially the plight of the Jewish community in that city.

"The situation of the Jews has become much worse during the last few weeks", the report says. "Heretofore the Jewish communities had been essentially independent in the matter of their financing, raising and administering the funds for their organizations, except for the general regulations and the fact that they had to make a strict accounting to the Gestapo. This was particularly true of the Jewish community of Hamburg, which has always had more money than most of the other communities, and whose representative dealt with the Hamburg Gestapo in matters

pertaining to the Jewish community. The Hamburg Gestapo, in spite of the fact that they are 100 per cent Nazis, have often been prone, in dealing with the Jewish representative, to put mutual Hamburg interests before 'instructions from Berlin'. However, the financial independence of the Jewish communities of Germany was abolished by a stroke of the pen. Now all the Jewish funds have to be sent to Berlin, and all local expenditures are controlled by the Berlin center.

"This has meant tremendous reductions in the money available for the activities of the Hamburg community. For example, the Jewish school in Hamburg which still has more than 400 students, had to let almost half its teachers go, and the salaries of all of the other employees of Jewish organizations supported by the community were radically cut. Employment by one of the Jewish organizations is practically the only opportunity for a decent life for a Jew in Germany. The salary of the rabbi was cut to 151 marks a month; he had been paying 200 marks a month for his apartment.

"In most parts of Germany Jewish families have been forced out of their homes, but this has almost never happened in Hamburg. Apparently the reason for these drastic economies was that rapid exhaustion of what was left of Jewish fortunes would soon make it impossible for Jewish money to provide for the welfare work, the schools and the immigration expenses which they have been covering. That would mean, that whether they liked it or not, the Nazi treasury would have to pay. Actually if sensible economies had been practised, they could have carried on for another year, as before. Certainly by that time, according to the Nazis, the war would be won, and then in the 'New Order' of Europe, a 'final solution of the Jewish question' could be found, whether it would be a 'reserve' in Poland or a 'Jewish State' in Madagascar."

MILLIONS OF JEWS ARE BEING CRUSHED BY GERMAN ARMY IN SOVIET-NAZI WAR, TROPER REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA)-- Millions of Jews are literally being crushed under the heels of German armies in the new war zone of Eastern Europe, Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared here today, following his return from Lisbon by Clipper. Mr. Troper will consult J.D.C. leaders here on relief plans in connection with the vast additional distress which the recent war developments have created.

More than 5,000 refugees will soon arrive in the United States or in Latin American countries, according to Mr. Troper. Those who can emigrate will be here within one month. Some 2,000 of them have already secured their visas to the United States and 1,300 are scheduled to sail from Spain or Portugal. There are no more than 1,500 Jewish refugees left today in Portugal, he revealed.

"In the war zone of Eastern Europe," Mr. Troper said, "millions of civilians are suffering again as they did in the fall of 1939, but this time to a far more intensive degree because the fighting is more prolonged and bitter. In that area literally millions of Jews are being crushed under the heels of the German armies. Newspaper headlines today are strikingly similar to those of 1914 when German and Russian armies battled over the same regions, when the Jewish population was caught in the crossfire, and the Joint Distribution Committee was established in the United States as an instrument to relieve their sufferings.

"But there is a factor in the situation which did not exist in 1914. At strategic points in the Eastern European war zone there are Jewish committees and organizations prepared to carry on the work of emergency relief even while the fighting is in progress. These are organizations built up and nurtured through a quarter of a century by the J.D.C. They have at their disposal hospitals, schools, clinics, children's homes, nursing organizations, child care centers. They have courageous and experienced personnel. They know that the J.D.C. is behind them, that help will be forthcoming. We of the J.D.C. must be prepared, with the support of American Jews, to give that help, over and above the extensive relief program which the J.D.C. has been conducting in German-occupied Poland."

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