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NAZI EXPEL JEWS FROM VILNA, BIALYSTOK, LEMBERG, LUCK; INTRODUCE GHETTOS IN ROWNE, LIDA

STOCKHOLM, July 28. (JTA)-- The expulsion of the Jewish population from the Nazi-occupied cities of Vilna, Luck, Bialystok and Lemberg and the introduction of "Jewish ghettos" in the cities of Rowne and Lida is reported here today in the Aftonbladet, a pro-Nazi Swedish newspaper.

The report states that in all these cities which were previously occupied by the Soviets, a "wholesale evacuation" of the Jewish population became necessary in order to make room for German soldiers wounded on the Soviet front. Every available house is converted into a hospital for the wounded Germans.

At least 40,000 additional Jews have been poured into the Lublin ghetto within the last four weeks from the Nazi-occupied sections of Volhynia and Polesia, the report states. The victims were brought in freight cars, herded like cattle and were not fed during the entire trip. Many hundreds of them are reported to have died on the way. More Jewish victims are expected to be shipped to the Lublin ghetto from Nazi-occupied cities on the Soviet front in view of ever growing need for room for wounded members of the German armed forces, the Swedish newspaper reports.

NEW ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES IMPOSED IN SLOVAKIA, PROTECTORATE

LONDON, July 28. (JTA)-- Czech circles reported here today that new anti-Jewish measures have been adopted in the Protectorate and the puppet state of Slovakia.

A new Slovakian decree, providing for further round-ups of Jews for shipment to forced labor camps, stipulates that the Jews will not be released after completion of their terms but will instead be turned over as laborers to the families of mobilized soldiers.

This decree, the Czechs said, has converted the Jews literally into the status of slaves forced to work wherever it pleases the authorities.

In the Protectorate, the Nazi authorities have declared that the law for the protection of tenants does not apply to Jews. Another measure forbids Jews to visit hair dressers between the hours of eight and ten o'clock in the morning.

Declaring that the anti-Jewish measures were stiffening the Czech spirit of resistance and hostility to the German oppressors, Czech circles here said that everything was being done in the occupied countries to turn dissatisfaction of the public against the Jews as a convenient target.

"The shameless, arrogant behavior of the Jews during the mobilization," was the main topic of an address by Slovak Defense Chief General Catlos during a reception for Slovak nationalists, they reported.

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Jews and non-Jews Prohibited to Talk to Each Other

ZURICH, July 28. (JTA)-- Further anti-Jewish regulations in Slovakia are reported in the *Grenzbote*, Slovak newspaper, reaching here today. Jews are now forbidden to enter the public baths, visit public markets or buy from market vendors elsewhere in town before ten o'clock in the morning. Jews are also forbidden to appear on the streets or in public places after nine o'clock except in urgent cases, such as reporting something in the public interest.

All social intercourse between Jews and Aryans is forbidden. They are not allowed to visit each others' houses nor are they permitted to carry on any conversations in streets or public places. Penalty for disobedience of these laws ranges up to 5,000 marks fine, and jail sentences from 12 hours to a fortnight.

BEN-GURION FLIES TO LONDON TO CONFER ON IMPORTANT ISSUES

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA)-- David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Zionist executive, will fly to London within the next few days to confer there on questions of major importance to Palestine with Dr. Chaim Weizmann who returned to England last week from a four-months stay in the United States.

Chief Rabbi Herzog of Palestine today paid a visit to the Palestine High Commissioner, to whom he related his impressions of his recent visit to the United States.

A second group of South African Jewish officers and soldiers on furlough in Palestine from the fighting front "somewhere in the middle-east" paid a visit to the home of Chief Rabbi Herzog after a special sermon which was held for them at the Wailing Wall.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY DISMISSES EMPLOYEES WHO DID NOT ENLIST

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA)-- All employees of the Tel Aviv municipal institutions who are between twenty and thirty years of age and who did not enlist in military services in reply to the call for such voluntary enlistment, will be dismissed from their positions, according to a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council today.

ESTABLISHMENT OF USA VISA OFFICE AT VATICAN IS URGED TO ENABLE REFUGEE EMIGRATION

ROME, July 28. (JTA)-- A suggestion that the State Department make arrangements with Pope Pius XIII for the purpose of establishing a USA immigration office in the Vatican City is now under discussion here in circles interested in refugee emigration, it was learned today.

The suggestion came up as result of the closing of the American consulates in Italy. It is being recalled here that Myron C. Taylor is still considered the representative of President Roosevelt to the Vatican, and it is pointed out that the establishment of a visa office at Taylor's office would facilitate the eventual departure to the United States of many refugees.

The immediate result of the closing down of the American consulates in Italy has been the sending of 130 foreign-born Jews to concentration camps in southern Italy. These refugees had been interned since July 1940 but were recently released so that they might proceed to Rome to obtain the American visas to which they were entitled.

REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND NRS CONFER ON NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA)-- A series of conferences are now being held between representatives of the State Department and of the National Refugee Service for the purposes of clarifying the new immigration regulations, it was disclosed by Albert Abrahamson, executive director of the N.R.S., in his quarterly report issued today. The conferences also aim to insure "the most expeditious service possible not only to refugees but to American citizen relatives and friends acting on their behalf."

The report, which marks the completion of two years of activities on the part of the National Refugee Service, stresses the new difficulties resulting from the closing of American consulates in Germany, Italy and the occupied countries, the centralization of initial affidavit review in Washington, and the regulation denying immigration visas to applicants with relatives residing in occupied territory. However, it points out that "the new regulations are not designed to prevent, and will not prevent, a continued flow of refugees to the United States."

Mr. Abrahamson disclosed that transportation remains the chief obstacle facing the refugees. However, he stated, that as long as Lisbon remains an open port 2,000 to 3,000 refugees will continue to arrive each month. Should Lisbon be closed, he revealed, rescue emphasis would probably shift to Shanghai, where 22,000 refugees are temporarily quartered.

Reporting that the \$2,000,000 allotment granted to the National Refugee Service by the United Jewish Appeal will last through August, Mr. Abrahamson declared that continuance of N.R.S. beyond that point depends on an additional allocation from the United Jewish Appeal.

COMMON COUNCIL CRITICIZES PEGLER'S ANTI-NATURALIZATION PROPOSAL

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA)-- Taking issue with the suggestion made by Westbrook Pegler, noted columnist, that the United States cease naturalizing aliens, the Common Council for American Unity addressed a statement to the editors of the newspapers where Pegler's column is published, terming the suggestion as "undemocratic and contrary to 300 years of American tradition."

"Let us apply to would-be citizens the most rigid tests of loyalty and character that Mr. Pegler can devise, but why should we exclude men and women from citizenship simply because they were born elsewhere? Arbitrary exclusion regardless of individual merits smacks of group discrimination we condemn when we see it practiced in totalitarian countries," the statement of the Council, signed by Read Lewis, executive director, reads.

Answering Pegler's insinuation that the foreign-born constitute a large portion of criminals, the statement of the Common Council says that "the foreign born are more law-abiding than the native born." The Council refers to F.B.I. statistics which attest this fact.

"Mr. Pegler charges that for a long time many of our naturalized citizens have voted by bloc and have turned important elections by their solidarity under the leadership of political colonisers or padrones. This is simply not true, despite certain superficial appearances to the contrary. For a number of years the Common Council made careful studies of national elections with reference to the so-called 'foreign vote'. These studies all showed that a 'foreign born bloc' is sheer myth, that among foreign born voters there are as sharp divisions of opinion as among the native born," the statement declares.

CHIEF RABBI OF YUGOSLAVIA ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Isaac Alkalay of Yugoslavia arrived here today from Turkey after a miraculous escape from Belgrade. Rabbi Alkalay escaped with his family from Yugoslavia on April 7 and proceeded to Istanbul, mostly on foot. It is reported that his son-in-law has been captured by the Nazis.

AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH MAY BE PRECLUDED FROM JOINING A JEWISH ARMY, SAYS WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA)-- A call for several thousand Jewish young men and women to proceed to Palestine while the war is going on was issued by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, in a message addressed to American Jewish youth, released today through the Hechalutz Organization of America.

Emphasizing that he hopes to resume discussions with the British government on the subject of a Jewish Army, Dr. Weizmann, who is now back in London, says in his message:

"I cannot say when and if these discussions, which had previously reached an advanced stage, will be successful, but we must be ready to serve when the time comes. Conditions here may preclude the possibility of Jewish Youth in America participating in the struggle in such a military unit in time of war. In that event, American Jewish youth must be ready to do its share by helping the Yishuv to prepare for the absorption of those immigrants who will arrive in masses immediately after the war, and must itself undertake pioneer work in new fields. The arrival in Palestine of a few thousand Jewish youth from America would be of inestimable moral and material value to the National Home. It will serve to establish close bonds between the Yishuv and the Jewish Community in America, and to give the latter a stake in the practical process of Palestine development."

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS OF JEWISH LAWYERS IN WARSAW REVEALED IN POLISH DOCUMENT

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA)-- The fight which Polish lawyers have put up against the Nazi authorities in Warsaw, who insisted on the elimination of Jews from the Bar Association, is described in a document made public here today by the Polish Information Center.

"Immediately after the conclusion of military operations," the document reads, "the Warsaw Bar Association resumed its activities. A Warsaw lawyer who had been legal adviser to the Polish Treasury was appointed by the Germans to the post of Commissar for the Reorganization of the Bar. The man proved to be a Volksdeutscher, which shows how extensive was the fifth column."

The Commissar's first project of Nazi reform was the elimination of Jews from the bar. The German authorities at first refused to issue such an edict, and, instead, asked the Bar Association whether it would agree to such a proposal. The answer was that "the problem cannot even be taken into consideration at the present moment inasmuch as the organization of the Polish Bar has been regulated by the laws of the country, and the occupation authorities are not entitled, according to the Hague Convention of 1907, to change those laws."

The entire Executive Committee of the Bar Association was immediately suspended, and a week later the Gestapo raided its offices. 119 lawyers, including the Association's eighty year old president were arrested. Most of them were deported to forced labor or concentration camps. Many of them have died since.

Then the Germans organized the Polish Bar by special edicts. The Commissar was discharged, having led the authorities to believe that the Association would acquiesce in the German proposal to expel Jewish lawyers. All Jewish lawyers were disbarred. Anyone having any Jewish blood connections, up to the fourth generation, the families of the wives included, was considered a Jew.

All lawyers were ordered to appear in person, on February 22, 1940, in the Bar Association's building, and, in lieu of taking an oath, to sign a declaration that their parents and grandparents had not been Jews.