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GESTAPO IS AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH JEWS IN THE UKRAINE "AS SEEN FIT"; POGROMS PREDICTED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Complete authority "to deal with the Jews in the Ukraine as seen fit" was given today by the Gestapo to its Palestine-born official, the notorious Eichmann, who was last week appointed head of the Gestapo department on Jewish affairs in Berlin, after "successfully solving the Jewish problem in Vienna."

Reporting the unlimited powers over the Jews in the Nazi-occupied part of the Ukraine given to Eichmann, correspondents of Swedish newspapers, in their dispatches today from Berlin, predicted that massacres of Jews are to be expected soon in the Ukraine, in addition to the severe anti-Jewish measures which Eichmann will impose.

Substantiating the gloomy predictions of the Swedish correspondents was a radio broadcast in Russian from the Belgrade radio, with the apparent intention of reaching listeners in Soviet Russia. "Everything is moving now towards the final settlement of accounts with the Jews," the broadcaster said. "Jews will be massacred without exceptions. From the very beginning of their struggle the German people had declared war against the Jews - this Kolkhoz of liars which enslaved the whole world."

The Belgrade radio then went on to declare that the British promises to aid Soviet Russia will never materialize. A similar broadcast was heard here last night from Rome. The broadcast, given in Serbian, indicated that Italy is rather worried over the sabotage and the partisan fights which are going on in Yugoslavia. It warned the Serbians not to permit themselves "to be misled by Jews, by Britain and by Communists."

ENTIRE JEWISH MALE POPULATION IN RUMANIA ORDERED FOR WORK ON SOVIET FRONT

GENEVA, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- 2,500 Bucharest Jews were suddenly rounded up in their homes last night by the police who took them out of bed and ordered them to dress in working clothes. They were then led to the railway station and sent for forced labor into the "liberated zone" on the very battlefield in Bessarabia.

Simultaneously instructions were broadcast today over the Bucharest radio ordering all Jewish adults to hold themselves in readiness for departure, on short notice, to the front lines for forced labor under the very fire of the Soviet guns. At the same time the Rumanian press, led by the organ of Premier Antonescu started a renewed campaign demanding stricter measures against Jews in Rumania.

CHECK ON NAZI TERROR AGAINST JEWS IN NORWAY IS ORDERED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Nazi terror against Jews has reached a point where the German occupational authorities have found it necessary to issue an order prohibiting "individual action with regard to the Jewish population, it is reported in the Swedish press today. The "individual action" of which the Nazi order speaks consisted of invading Jewish homes, smashing windows of Jewish stores, molesting Jews on the street and robbing Jewish property. Elaborate anti-Jewish laws exist in Norway as in the other occupied countries, despite the fact that there are only 1,559 Jews in the whole of Norway.

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PORTUGAL WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW TRANSIT OF REFUGEES. GOVERNMENT ASSURES

LISBON, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Portugal will continue to maintain a "liberal and humane" attitude toward refugees and will continue to permit their transit, the Portuguese Foreign Office today assured Dr. Gustav Kullman, League of Nations' Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees. Dr. Kullman is here investigating the future refugee situation in light of the new Washington regulations barring immigration of aliens with kin remaining in Nazi-occupied countries.

Although stressing the fact that Portugal must be considered solely a country of transit the Foreign Office and police officials assured Dr. Kullman that they welcomed the activities of the voluntary refugee relief organizations here.

Dr. Kullman, who is flying to London tomorrow, conferred extensively not only with the Portuguese authorities but also with the American and other embassies and with representatives of American refugee relief organizations. He declared that the results from these interviews were "very satisfactory."

At a conference of American relief groups held here under the chairmanship of Dr. Joseph Schwartz of the Joint Distribution Committee, Dr. Kullman outlined the activities and plans of both the League's High Commission for Refugees and the Inter-Governmental Committee, and discussed specific problems which have recently arisen. The representatives of the various relief agencies thanked him for his visit and expressed their appreciation of the activities of the High Commissioner's office.

As part of his investigation, Dr. Kullman, accompanied by Dr. Schwartz, visited Gladas Darainha and conversed with the ninety-three refugees jailed there last week when their residence permits for Portugal expired.

SLOVAKIAN PRESIDENT IS ASKED TO ORDER "A FINAL SETTLEMENT" WITH JEWS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 5. (JTA)--Slovakian soldiers fighting on the Soviet front under Nazi military command addressed themselves by telegram to Dr. Joseph Tiso, President of Slovakia, demanding that the Jews in the Nazi puppet-state be annihilated, it is reported today in the Grenzbote, a Nazi paper published in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia.

"Please order a final settlement with the Jews in Slovakia," the telegram is quoted as reading. The message to the Slovakian President is signed "your soldiers."

Meanwhile the Jews conscripted in Slovakia for forced labor have been ordered by the Hlinka guards to work on Saturdays. The majority of the Jews in Slovakia are extremely orthodox, and the new order is therefore a great blow to Slovakian Jewry. In addition to forcing them to work on the Sabbath day, the Hlinka guards who are acting as supervisors over the Jewish labor corps, announced that only the poor Jewish laborers will be fed and only during working hours, while those Jews who will be classified as being able to pay for food will have to provide their own.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY TO BECOME CENTER OF JEWISH EDUCATION

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- Dr. Simon Rawidowicz, refugee scholar and former librarian of the Jewish Community in Berlin, who has recently been appointed to the newly-created chair of Hebrew at Leeds University, today stated that Leeds will become a training center for Hebrew scholars. Such a center, said Dr. Rawidowicz, will fill an important gap in Jewish education and alleviate the great shortage of teachers of Hebrew and Jewish history. The first lectures by Dr. Rawidowicz will be given in September on the subject of ancient and modern Hebrew and on Jewish history and philosophy.

ARAB ATTITUDE ON JEWISH FUTURE IN PALESTINE HINGES ON OUTCOME OF RUSSO-GERMAN WAR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- The attitude of the Arab world toward the position of the Jews in a post-war Palestine hinges on the outcome of the Russo-German war, it became clear here today when it was established that Arab leaders in Palestine have adopted a policy of "watchful waiting" until the developments on the Russo-German front become more crystallized.

As the situation stands today, uncertainty and bewilderment exists among the Arabs in Iraq, Syria, Palestine and Transjordan, as their leaders waver between Allied promises and Axis propaganda. Despite British and De Gaullist pronouncements that Syrian leaders and the tribal shiiks are rallying to the Allied cause and despite Britain's promise to live up to her pledge of Syrian independence, Axis agents continue to exploit this political uncertainty on the part of the Arabs in the Near East.

Broadcasts in Arabic emanating from Radio Rome continue, almost daily, to reiterate the impossibility of creating a pan-Arab federation while a Jewish National Home exists in Palestine. Axis circles are also circulating stories that "Syria, Lebanon and Iraq are to be added to the Jewish National Home as a result of Weizmann's successful intriguing in London." Although certain Arab circles have stated that the existence of Palestine as a Jewish National Home within a pan-Arab federation is possible, many Arab leaders remain doubtful on this point.

Axis propaganda coming from Rome and from the radio stations in Nazi-held Balkan countries is on the whole not taken seriously by the Arabs, nevertheless it tends to create confusion in Arab minds, especially since various reports coming from the Allied side are also contradictory insofar as the Arabs are concerned. This is especially true with regard to the reports about a projected pan-Arab federation. How, some Arabs ask, can Britain live up to its promise of securing independence for Syria, when it talks at the same time of the establishment of a pan-Arab federation to link up Syria with Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan.

25,000 AMERICAN JEWS READY TO JOIN JEWISH ARMY, DR. WEIZMANN REPORTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA)-- At least 25,000 young American Jews would volunteer immediately if a call for a Jewish Army were issued, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, stated today at a press conference.

Reporting on his impressions of his four-months stay in the United States and Canada, Dr. Weizmann said he believes that the young Jews in the United States will respond enthusiastically to any recruiting call for a Jewish Army. "The sky is the limit as far as these young American Jews are concerned," he stated.

Dr. Weizmann said that he noticed a remarkable change in the attitude of the American non-Zionists towards Palestine. This change, he explained, has come gradually, and many developments contributed to it. The result is, however, now visible. A year ago neo-territorial ideas were floating about in America, including the projects of settling Jews in Alaska, in the Dominican Republic, and in British Guiana. But when the need of a place for Jewish mass-immigration became more acute, the hopelessness of all schemes, outside of Palestine, became obvious. Now Palestine alone holds first place with American Jews. Furthermore, the Jews in America have now perceived that if Palestine is to supply the solution to Jewish immigration, there must be a Jewish State, because settlement of Jews on the needed scale can no longer be carried out by voluntary organizations. The financial needs will require power to impose taxation and ability to secure large loans.

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In the past, Dr. Weismann declared, the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod, as well as other Zionist institutions, have done pioneer work in the economic upbuilding of Palestine, though the bulk of imported Jewish capital came from private sources. In the future, due to the fact that European Jewry has become impoverished, Palestine will have to absorb immigrants who have lost all their possessions, and the part which national Jewish capital will have to play will thus become even more important.

Dr. Weismann concluded by saying that the serene faith of American Jews in Palestine has made him very happy. He pointed out that he found in America an attractive and keen generation of young Jews of Russian and Polish origin, educated in the United States. The apparatus of the Zionist organization in America is adapted to their needs. "I saw no signs of communist tendencies among the Jewish youth there, and Jewish leaders in America express no serious fears in this direction," Dr. Weismann reported.

UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS SUPPORTS SENDING OF FOOD PARCELS TO EUROPE

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Pointing out that the picketing is conducted with the intention "of weakening the relief activities for our Jewish brethren who are dying of starvation," the Union of Orthodox Rabbis says in its statement that it "sees no crime in the work of saving Jewish lives from hunger." Regret is expressed over the fact that the Council rejected arbitration before stationing its pickets.

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"If it be necessary to start a large-scale project to feed the Jewish population in Poland, Dr. Tenenbaum suggested, the large Jewish organizations in this country should take up the matter with the proper authorities. In no case should it be left in the hands of such groups as the Agudas Israel, acting in a haphazard, irresponsible, and unsupervised way."

"Specifically," Dr. Tenenbaum said, "we propose that the four leading Jewish organizations, including the Joint Distribution Committee, should consult together on the advisability of such measures, and if agreed, should send a delegation to Washington to negotiate with the State Department and with the British authorities as well as the Red Cross, so that a more lawful method may be found to feed the unfortunate victims of Nazi terrorism, under the surveillance of Red Cross authorities. No single organization has the right to arrogate to itself the authority to act on its own in a matter as grave and dangerous as this. Under no circumstances will the Joint Boycott Council permit single organizations to subsidize the Hitler regime under the guise of helping the Jewish organization, whether through ignorance or lack of conscience."

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