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### HUNGARY REPORTS THOUSANDS OF JEWS TO NAZI-HELD POLAND

LISBON, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Reports reaching here from Hungary today told of an anti-Jewish reign of terror sweeping that country, with mass arrests of Jews proceeding in all cities and house-to-house raids conducted in the dead of night with entire families being seized.

Thousands of persons have been arrested in the last ten days and have been taken to concentration centers for deportation to Galician districts in Nazi Poland. Already more than 7,000 Jewish deportees have been put to forced labor, mainly building roads, in the districts, which are now held by the Hungarian Army.

(A cable from Budapest quoting the censored press there reported today that the Hungarian government is determined to deport at least 55,000 Jews into Nazi-held Poland from the district of Transylvania which was regained from Rumania. The majority of the Jews there have never been Polish citizens.)

The raids are being directed not only against refugees and foreign Jewish residents, but even against Hungarian citizens whose grandparents were not Hungarian.

Well-informed private sources told this correspondent tonight that more than 15,000 Jews had been deported up to July 31, with the raids continuing unabated. They said that Jews who consider themselves subject to action were afraid to leave their homes since they might be raided in their absence and the remainder of their family taken away. All local efforts to intervene with the authorities in cases of special hardship were said to have failed.

The plight of the deportees was said to be desperate. They were dumped over the frontier unceremoniously, with no preparations made for housing and maintenance except in the case of those slated for forced labor. They find themselves among people impoverished by war and in a devastated territory.

A correspondent of the Berlin newspaper, Boersen Zeitung, describing the wide-spread purge conducted by the Hungarian aliens control authorities for the past fortnight against Jews and foreigners, particularly Polish and Russian nationals, writes that 18,000 have already been deported.

### JDC Sends Aid to Panic-Stricken Jews in Hungary

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Several thousand Jews in Hungary have been thrust over the border into Nazi-occupied Galicia during the past fortnight, according to advices reaching New York yesterday from reliable sources. The movement grows daily in speed and intensity.

The expulsion measures were directed primarily at Jews who were stateless or held Polish passports, but now they also include those of German, Austrian and Czechoslovakian

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nationality. Length of residence in Hungary or naturalization apparently made little difference, as among the victims of expulsion were people who, although born in Galicia, had resided in Hungary for twenty years or longer and had become Hungarian citizens.

Advices reaching the Joint Distribution Committee from its American staff representative in Budapest, indicate that expulsions can be prevented in individual cases if the prospective deportee can prove that he is prepared to emigrate overseas. Evidence must be presented of definite immigration possibilities as well as a fixed booking on a trans-Atlantic ship.

An emergency grant was made by the J.D.C. late in July for first-aid to the panic-stricken refugees who were being rounded up on the Hungarian border for deportation. Funds were administered by a local refugee committee, through which the J.D.C. has for some time conducted widespread programs of refugee aid and rehabilitation in Hungary.

The plight of the thousands of Jews already thrust over the border is uncertain in the extreme. News reaching New York from Budapest indicates that the anti-Semitic Ukrainian population is driving the newcomers into the forests and is threatening them with dire fates.

#### BRITAIN MAY SOON BE ASKED TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE SAYS WEIZMANN

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- A demand that the British Government adopt a more positive attitude on the policy of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, was foreshadowed here by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, in an interview appearing in the Manchester Guardian. Stressing the fact that high official quarters in Washington share the views of the Jewish leaders on Palestine, Dr. Weizmann stated that hitherto Zionist circles had refrained from demanding a declaration on the Palestine question in order not to embarrass the British Government during the grave war crisis.

But now, said Dr. Weizmann, in view of the improved war situation and the willingness of American Jewry to "bear the brunt of the burden in alleviating the misery of countless European Jews," it has become vitally necessary that American Jews be given some indication as to where "their unfortunate brethren can go."

Stating that Britain possesses no stauncher friends than the American Jews, Dr. Weizmann said that it was not surprising that they are demanding some positive statement from the Churchill Government. He added, however, that "the allegiance of American Jews to our cause has not been affected by what appears to them to be a reluctance on the part of the British Government to tackle the Palestine question fairly and squarely."

Zionist circles in London commenting on yesterday's visit to Palestine of Captain Oliver Lyttleton, Prime Minister Churchill's personal emissary to the Near East, expressed the opinion that the British authorities fully appreciate the special position of Palestine. They consider particularly fortuitous the fact that in the present situation Churchill has a personal representative in control of Near Eastern foreign policy.

British Zionists are particularly gratified by Lyttleton's coordinating efforts in the Near East as evidenced by his week end conference in Cairo with Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, and his present visit to Palestine en route to Syria.

#### 1,700 REFUGEES EN ROUTE FROM SPAIN TO AMERICA

LISBON, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- The steamer Ciudad de Seville carrying 600 refugees, mostly from Germany, who embarked at Barcelona, sailed from here last night en route to New York. Another 1,100 refugees departed for New York from Cadiz yesterday on board the motorship Navemar.

POLISH GOVERNMENT DOUBTS WHETHER CHIEF RABBI SCHORR IS RELEASED IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Stanislaw Kot, Polish Minister of Interior, today expressed doubt over a report published in the London Jewish Chronicle that Prof. Moses Schorr, Chief Rabbi of Poland, has been released by the Moscow authorities from Soviet internment.

Minister Kot, who is arranging the release of Polish citizens from Soviet internment under the Russo-Polish pact, said he would have been informed if Prof. Schorr were released. "So far we have no such information," he stated. The same, he said, is true with regard to Henryk Ehrlich, leader of the Bund, Jewish Socialist Party in Poland, who was reported by the Chronicle as released from exile in Russia.

Jewish Labor Committee to Secure Release of Polish Jews Interned in Russia

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, today announced that the Committee has been authorized by representatives of the Polish Government in the United States to compile and submit lists of Polish Jews who have been interned in Soviet Russia either as war prisoners or as undesirable civilians. Beginning with the coming week, these lists will be carried by a Polish diplomatic courier in order that the internees may be released under the recent Russo-Polish pact.

In making this announcement, Mr. Held urged every Jew in the United States who has relatives interned in Soviet Russia as Polish citizens, to communicate the names and addresses of these relatives to the Jewish Labor Committee.

The Agudas Israel office in New York similarly announced today the registration of interned relatives of American Jews. The Agudah lists will be sent to the Agudah office in London for submission to the Polish Government-in-exile there, which is to secure the release of the internees from the Soviet authorities.

POLISH MINISTER WANTS A MILLION JEWS TO LEAVE POST-WAR POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA)--"Unpleasant surprise," at a reported anti-Semitic speech by Polish Minister of Finance Henryk Strassburger was voiced today by the London Jewish Chronicle. Speaking before officers of a Polish regiment in Scotland, Strassburger is reported as saying, "that" though all hands are needed to reconstruct Poland after the war it would be helpful if a million Jews left the country."

The Chronicle says that this speech indicates that the policy of forced Jewish emigration is supported by members of the Polish government, and suggests that the Government should explain whether Strassburger expressed a private opinion or an official policy of the Polish Government. If the speech was an official declaration all previous talk by Polish officials of equality for Jews in a post-war Poland seems "pure nonsense," the Chronicle comments.

ROMANIA INTRODUCES YELLOW ARMBANDS FOR JEWS IN BUKOVINA

GENEVA, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- All Jews in Czernovits, capital of Bukovina, were ordered by the Rumanian authorities to wear yellow armbands bearing the Star of David, it was reported here today from Bucharest.

The report says that Jews in Bukovina are forbidden to appear in the street in the evening, and must do their shopping during specified hours. An order to this effect has been issued by Col. Rishanu, Premier Antonescu's representatives in Northern Bukovine.

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AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS URGE CONVOKING OF ACTIONS COMMITTEE FOR SESSION IN USA

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- The advisability of convoking the Zionist Actions Committee for a session on American soil, since the war situation has made it impossible to hold a Zionist Congress this year, was discussed at a meeting of the Zionist Emergency Committee in New York yesterday, attended by representatives of all Zionist groups.

The meeting came to the conclusion that a session of the Zionist Actions Committee would serve practical purposes as it constitutes the only body authorized to adopt decision which would be legally binding for the World Zionist Executive as well as for the entire Zionist movement.

It was pointed out at the meeting that European leading Zionists who are now in the United States could also participate in the session of the Actions Committee. It was also reported that David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, is expected to come to the United States in September after completing important discussions in London where he was reported to have arrived from Palestine.

FREE GREEK GENERAL THANKS AMERICAN JEWRY FOR AID

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Heartfelt thanks for the aid that American Jewry extended to Greece in its fight against Italian and Nazi aggression, was expressed today by the Greek general - whose name must remain unmentioned - recently appointed by King George of Greece to organize a Free Greek force in the Middle East.

Declaring that Greek leaders felt that the Jewish nation will find its place among free nations after a victory over Fascism, the General declared: "I have no words to praise Jewish achievements and progress observed in Palestine. I am sure that Jewish efforts to further the interests of the Holy Land will benefit all the Eastern nations including Greece."

The Greek General stressing the fact that friendly relations have always existed between the Greeks and Jews added that the "fate of the Jews is sevenfold times nearer to us now that we are fighting for freedom and victory."

In expressing his thanks to American Jewry, the Greek military leader said that, "We think American Jewry should actively participate with the Allies in this struggle and thus perform their duty as Jews and as world citizens."

POLICE IN ROMANIA ORDERED TO START SPECIAL CHECK ON JEWS

LISEON, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Police authorities in Rumania were ordered to arrest and bring to trial before a military court any Jew whose passport does not carry a stamp from the military authorities indicating that he has been registered for forced labor service, reports reaching here today stated. All Jewish males in Rumania aged between 18 and 50 must report for forced labor, the report added.

General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, in an interview with the correspondent of the German official news agency, broadcast over the Bucharest radio today, stated that he has taken measures "against the disruptive Jewish elements," especially in the regained provinces of Bukovina and Bessarabia.

OLDEST JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN BRAZIL REFUSED REGISTRATION BY GOVERNMENT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- The Ministry of Press and Propaganda today refused the registration of the Yiddische Volkszeitung, oldest Jewish newspaper in Brazil, which was about to celebrate the fourteenth year of its existence. The Volkszeitung recently announced that beginning with August 31st, it would appear in the Portuguese language as stipulated by the latest Brazilian press law ordering all foreign-language publications to appear in Portuguese only.