

MASS EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM LUBLIN REPORTED FROM NAZI POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- A new wave of anti-Jewish terror has been started by the Nazis in Lublin and Zyrardow, according to reports reaching Polish circles here today.

The reports describe how Nazi soldiers surrounded the Jewish streets in Lublin and in Zyrardow and ordered thousands of Jewish families to leave their homes. The victims were not permitted to take anything out of their dwellings. They were then crowded into military trucks and brought to the railway stations where they were herded into cattle trains and transported to smaller towns and villages.

Of the Jews expelled from Zyrardow, some 1,500 were brought to Warsaw. There, the reports state, the women and children were sent to a public bath and ordered to remain undressed for hours with Nazi soldiers poking fun at them. The men were similarly led to a public bath where they were beaten and flogged by Nazis. All of them were later housed in the Warsaw ghetto in a house on Lesano street.

The movable property which the victims left behind in their homes in Lublin and Zyrardow was expropriated and carried away into the interior of the Reich by military trucks, the reports add.

LACK OF FOOD FORCES JEWISH KITCHENS IN POLAND TO DISCONTINUE FREE MEALS

BERNE, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Many Jewish institutions engaged in providing free meals to thousands of starving Jews in Nazi-held Poland have been compelled to discontinue their activities due to the scarcity of foodstuffs, it is reported in Gazeta Zydowska, only organ of Polish Jewry, which reached here today from Cracow.

Though published under strict Nazi censorship, the Gazeta Zydowska paints a heart-rending picture of the hunger and homelessness now prevailing among the Jews in Poland. Thousands of Jews are completely roofless. Those who find accommodations in barns, synagogues and Jewish school buildings are considered fortunate.

In addition to closing many free kitchens, some of the kitchens which remained in the ghettos have been limited to distribution of soup only, for which a small fee must now be paid. Jewish institutions in the ghettos are now concentrating their efforts on establishing contact between members of families, thousands of which, after almost two years of separations, are still unable to find each other, the Gazeta Zydowska reports.

MASS LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH ENTERPRISES REPORTED FROM SLOVAKIA

BUDAPEST, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- More than 7,400 Jewish enterprises in Slovakia, with a turnover of 65,000,000 kronen, have been liquidated up to the beginning of this month, the Nazi newspaper Grenzboten, published in Bratislava, reports today.

The "Aryanisation" of other Jewish enterprises with a turnover of 780,000,000 kronen has simultaneously been completed, the Grenzboten writes.

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POLISH DELEGATION TO RUSSIA WILL INCLUDE TWO JEWISH LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Two Jewish leaders will be included in the Polish delegation which is proceeding from here to Moscow in connection with arranging relief for Polish nationals released from internment in Russia, it is reported today in the Haaretz, Hebrew daily newspaper.

The two named are Dr. Apolinari Maximillian Hartglass, Polish Zionist leader and ex-member of the Polish parliament, and Rabbi Sorotkin, Polish Agudah leader and former rabbi of Brest-Litovsk. Both are now residing in Palestine.

GENERAL WEYGAND TO PROCLAIM ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN ALGERIA, VICHY ANNOUNCES

VICHY, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- General Weygand, commander of the French forces in Africa has decided "to settle without delay" the Jewish question in Algeria, it was reported here today. A special office to deal with Jewish affairs will be established by him to act under his personal control, the report said.

Extension of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws to the 110,000 Jews of Algeria has met with serious complications and Xavier Vallat, the Commissioner for Jewish Affairs of the Vichy Government, announced a few days ago that he intends to proceed shortly to Algeria "to study the problem on the spot."

Following confessions made to the police today by sixteen young Frenchmen arrested in connection with the explosion of a bomb in the Vichy synagogue, it was announced that two leaders of an unnamed French political party will be interned. The secretary of the Vichy branch of this political party, M. Farraud, 22, is among the sixteen youths arrested. At today's examination he confessed that he placed the bomb in the basement of the synagogue. Two of the arrested confessed that they stole explosives from a stone quarry and a third confessed that he manufactured the bomb which was planted in the synagogue building. The police found fifty kilo of explosives hidden in the woods near Vichy, as a result of the confessions.

An official communique issued by the police today announces that thirteen of the arrested men will be held for trial. The communique says that among those arrested is one Belgian citizen who confessed to his participation in the plans to bomb the synagogue.

PALESTINE'S ROLE IN WAR HAILED BY LONDON WEEKLY

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Tribute is paid today in the Economist, London weekly, to the role Palestine has played in the war. "Palestine's greatest asset," the article says, "is the possession of a number of first rate men of science who are applying their knowledge to the agriculture and industry of the country."

The article reviews the important role which the mobilized Jews of Palestine played on the Libyan front. "The fresh resources which have now been developed in Palestine during wartime will have a permanent and healthy effect on the country's economy," the Economist predicts.

CUBAN JEWRY TO SEND AMBULANCES TO ENGLAND

HAVANA, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- A decision to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of one or two ambulances for presentation to the British, "as an expression of Cuban Jewry's identity of purpose with Britain's war effort and its complete confidence in victory" was adopted at a Jewish meeting here, addressed by Phineas Borowitz, vice-president of the English Zionist Federation. Mr. Borowitz is touring Central and South America in behalf of the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish National Fund. The meeting elected a committee to conduct the fund raising campaign. A Jewish reception to the British Ambassador in Cuba is being planned.

REFUGEE SHIP NAVEMAR SAILS FROM LISBON EN ROUTE TO CUBA AND NEW YORK

LISBON, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- The refugee steamer, Navemar, held here for eight days until the American consulate could reissue the expired visas of 250 of the refugees on board, sailed for Cuba and New York today with 1,180 refugees. Eighty of these boarded the Navemar at Lisbon, after its arrival from Seville, fearing to remain here any longer. Just prior to its departure several expectant mothers were taken off and transferred to the Lisbon Jewish hospital.

Despite frantic efforts on the part of Jewish relief organizations here, little improvement was made in the miserable conditions aboard the Navemar, which were described by this correspondent last week. Sufficient water was taken on, but the already limited deck space was reduced further by the erection of a stall on the afterdeck for four huge oxen, who will furnish the meat supply, as the vessel has no refrigeration facilities.

While some of the conditions have been slightly alleviated the voyage is bound to be one of acute suffering for the majority of the passengers due to the overcrowding, the insufficient crew and the complete inadequacy of the ship's sanitary, cooking, sleeping and health facilities. Many passengers were already suffering from the poor quality of the food and water, and all were affected by the lack of sufficient sanitary facilities.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who visited the Navemar just before she sailed, described the ship as a "floating concentration camp."

The sympathetic attitude of the United States consular authorities here aroused deep appreciation among the refugees. Several consuls who were here awaiting new assignments volunteered to aid the Lisbon staff in the task of reissuing the visas. They worked incessantly at all hours to rush through completion of the job and thus enable the Navemar to sail as soon as possible.

Refugee aid officials here also paid tribute to the efficient organization of the consulate in its efforts to expedite the job of reissuing so many visas. A task of this size usually requires several weeks to complete. An interesting sidelight on the work was the fact that many of the cases were handled by the same consuls who had originally issued the visa in Germany.

For the eight days that the Navemar was moored here the Portuguese police refused to permit any of the passengers to land except those who were required to go to the consulate. These were brought to the consulate, daily, in a bus which was under police guard from the time it left the pier until it arrived at the consulate. The refugees were not permitted to leave the bus except to enter the consulate. Each noon it was necessary for the busses to drive to a nearby restaurant where the JDC had arranged to have lap lunches served to the refugees while they remained in the bus.

Simultaneously with the departure of the Navemar a group of forty-five children removed from institutions in unoccupied France arrived here en route to America. The children will sail aboard the Mouzinho for the United States where they will be placed in private homes until the end of the war.

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FRENCH JEWS MUST RETIRE FROM PROFESSIONS, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE BY SEPTEMBER 15

VICHY, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- A decree issued here today sets September 15 as the deadline when all Jews must retire from professions specifically forbidden to them by the anti-Jewish laws. These include professions such as doctor, lawyer, teacher, as well as participation in commercial and industrial vocations. The decree which applies to both foreign-born as well as French Jews will affect about 200,000 people.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF JEWISH EXILES IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Several lists containing hundreds of names of Polish Jews exiled in Soviet Russia have been handed to the Polish Government here so that their release may be expedited under terms of the recent Russo-Polish pact, it was disclosed today by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart.

One list received by Dr. Schwartzbart from Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum and Dr. Emil Schmorak, representing the Jewish Agency in Palestine and the Polish Jews in Palestine, contained the names of 543 Polish Jewish leaders still confined in Russia. Among these are former Deputy Joshua Gottlieb and former Senator Michael Ringel, both of whom had previously been reported dead.

Another list received from Chief Rabbi Herzog of Palestine and Rabbi Kahan formerly of Warsaw, contains the names of hundreds of rabbis exiled by the Soviets, and now awaiting release.

850 IMMIGRANTS ALLOWED TO ENTER PALESTINE FROM JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Certificates for 850 immigrants, their wives and minor children, will be issued during the period from July 1 to September 30, it was announced today.

This includes certificates of all categories. Immigration certificates will be granted not only to the wives and children, under eighteen, of the 850 immigrants entering during the above period, but also to those of immigrants who arrived before July 1. Of the 850 that will be permitted to enter some 100 immigrants will be non-Jewish.

JEWS PRAY FOR BRITISH VICTORY, SAYS CHIEF RABBI HERTZ

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz in a message today in connection with the proclamation of September 7 as a National Day of Prayer, marking the second anniversary of the war, declared that the Jews of England pray for strength and guidance in the coming struggle.

"None realize more clearly than her Jewish children that on Britain's victory over the forces of evil now assailing free nations depends the future of civilization as well as the survival of Israel in Europe and elsewhere," Rabbi Hertz' message states.

SHAMAI PINSKI, HEBREW POET, DIES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Shammur Pinski, Hebrew poet, who for many years has been conducting the Keren Hayesod work in Rumania, died here today at the age of 59.