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GHETTOS IN RIGA AND CHERNOVITZ; 150,000 RUSSIAN JEWS ORDERED TO FORCED LABOR BY NAZIS

ZURICH, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The establishment of a ghetto for 50,000 Jews in Riga was reported here today, together with news from Rumania that the 50,000 Jews who remain in Czernowitz will be isolated in a special ghetto there.

Simultaneously the Nazi newspapers which reached here today from Berlin report that 150,000 Jews in Soviet territory occupied by the German army are being forced by the German military authorities to work day and night on the rebuilding of the railway line between Vilno and Minsk. The German military is especially interested in completing in record time the change from the Russian gauge to the narrower German gauge in order to be able to make use of the railway line for transportation of troops and ammunition.

A Berlin radio broadcast today admitted the burning of the Great Synagogue in Bielsztok. It denied, however, that the Nazis locked up 500 Jews in the synagogue before setting fire to it.

The ghetto for the Jews in Riga, the report here said, is situated in a Latgalian suburb on the right bank of the river Drina. Of the 55,000 Jewish residents of Riga before the Nazi invasion only 5,000 retreated with the Russian army, the report estimates.

The establishment of a ghetto for the 50,000 Jews who remained in Czernowitz was foreshadowed in an announcement made by Dr. Popovici, Mayor of that city. The announcement said that a delegation of Rumanian officials is proceeding to Nazi-occupied Poland to study the organization of Jewish ghettos. The delegation will visit Lublin, Lods, Cracow and other cities in Poland where the Nazis have established ghettos for the Jewish population.

CATHOLIC PRIMATE CONDEMNS INTRODUCTION OF NUREMBERG LAWS IN HUNGARY

ZURICH, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The German press in Berlin today carries severe attacks against Cardinal Seredi, Primate of Hungary, for his open condemnation this week of the introduction of the Nuremberg Laws into Hungary.

In their enraged protests against the Hungarian Primate, the Nazi newspapers reveal that the Cardinal defied orders from Berlin. His bold declaration that the "Nazi racial theory is contrary to the Christian religion" was made despite orders from Berlin and as a challenge to them, the German press reports. "It is too bad that the Cardinal has failed to grasp the fact that Hitler is the saviour of Christianity," one of the Nazi papers comments in an angry article.

300 DUTCH JEWS REPORTED DEAD IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- More than 300 of the young Jews who were deported from Holland to Nazi concentration camps in Germany have died in the Buchenwald camp, the Dutch news agency in London reported today.

ANNUAL ZOA CONVENTION OPENS IN CINCINNATI TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

CINCINNATI, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- Delegates from all parts of the country arrived here today to participate in the 44th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which opens tomorrow with a meeting of the Administrative Council of the ZOA. The convention will decide on important matters concerning the Zionist movement in America as well as the future of Palestine after the war. It will last four days.

The business sessions of the convention will be formally opened on Sunday morning by Dr. James G. Heller, chairman of the Convention Program Committee. At this session reports will be submitted by leaders of the fund-raising organizations and affiliated bodies. The Presidential address by Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann will be delivered at the second session on Sunday afternoon, which will be held at the auditorium of the Taft Theatre. "Palestine and the World Scene" will be the topic of addresses at this session by Dr. Stephen S. Wise; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, outstanding scholar and professor of philosophy at the Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Louis Lipsky.

The third session on Sunday evening will be in the form of a banquet at which the guest speakers will be Governor John William Bricker of Ohio; Dr. Solomon Goldman; Judge Louis E. Lefinthal and Robert P. Goldman, President of the Union of Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Maurice Perlitzweig, British Zionist leader; and Edmund I. Kaufmann. Oscar Berman will act as toastmaster.

The Palestine war problems will be discussed at Monday's session. The question of the relationship between the ZOA and other Zionist bodies and fund-raising organizations in America will also be discussed Monday. The election of officers for the coming year is expected to take place Monday evening.

CHIEF RABBI HERTZ WILL BROADCAST ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE TO JEWS OF AMERICA

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- A Rosh Hashanah broadcast by Chief Rabbi Hertz of England to the Jews of North America will be delivered on September 21st, over the B.B.C. program "Britain Speaks to North America," it was announced today.

Supplementing the broadcast the Chief Rabbi issued a pastoral letter to his "Brethren overseas." In it he calls for a religious rededication in all the Jewish communities of the Americas. A call has also been issued to all the communities of Britain and the Empire to join in a "week of rededication" between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

POLISH TROOPS STAGE ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CONVERTED JEWISH WRITER

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- An anti-Semitic demonstration by Polish soldiers stationed in Scotland, is reported today in *Wladomosci Zydowskie*, independent London weekly.

The Polish paper discloses that recently members of the Polish Pen Club visited the Polish troops in Scotland and several of the group were scheduled to address the soldiers. Among the speakers slated to speak was the noted Polish writer Antoni Slonimski, a converted Jew. However, as soon as the gathering was opened by the Brigadier General a subaltern arose and asked "in the name of the soldiers" that Slonimski be excluded.

As a result of this request all the members of the Pen Club group immediately left the hall, and did not return until the General in charge had apologized for the insult to Slonimski. Upon Slonimski's return to the hall the greater part of the audience then arose and left.

NAZIS TO ESTABLISH WORKSHOPS IN JEWISH GHETTOS IN POLAND

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- Some 400,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland will be utilized as qualified workers in special workshops which the Nazi authorities plan to establish in the ghettos throughout Poland to produce equipment for the German army as well as other essential war products, the *Koelnische Zeitung*, one of the leading German newspapers, announced today.

The workshops in the ghettos will be managed by Nazi commissars, the announcement states. The Berlin correspondent of the *Svenska Dagbladet*, a Swedish newspaper, in transmitting the announcement adds that the Nazi decision to use Jewish skilled labor is due not only to the acute shortage of "Aryan" workers in the Reich, but also to the fact that the Nazis have discovered that the Jewish artisans in Poland are highly qualified.

JEWISH AGENCY SETS UP DEPARTMENT TO SPUR ENLISTMENT IN BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- A special department will be set up in the Jewish Agency for Palestine to spur Jewish enlistment in the British forces, it was reported today. The new department will cooperate with the *Lehi* in seeking to augment enrollment of Jewish soldiers.

Meanwhile, at a festive parade held "somewhere in Palestine" today Jewish and Arab leaders celebrated the first anniversary of the formation of the Palestine Buffs, separate Jewish and Arab combat units, which are part of the infantry arm of the British forces. Among the Jewish leaders reviewing the parade were Chief Rabbi Uziel and Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish agency.

JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN MOROCCO NOT AFFECTED BY ANTI-JEWISH LAW

LISBON, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- The new anti-Jewish regulations put into effect in French Morocco make no change in the status of the recognized Jewish institutions or organizations or in the Protectorate's unique "inspection system," study of the full text of the decree today revealed.

Under Sherifian law, all recognized Jewish bodies, such as the Consistoire, the rabbinate, the schools, were subject to inspection by a Government official who was a Jew and was, in actual practice, intermediary between the authorities and the Jewish community. A clause in the decree modifying the status of the Moroccan Jews, makes it clear that this arrangement will not be altered.

The decrees give the authorities the right to order the internment of Jews in special camps for infractions of the new regulations as an alternative to imprisonment or the payment of a fine or both. Sentences of fines, imprisonment or internment are provided for Jews who disregard the prohibitions of the new regulations and more severe punishment for those who seek to evade them by fraud or misrepresentation.

56 REFUGEE CHILDREN TO SAIL FROM LISBON TO AMERICAN HOMES

LISBON, Sept. 5. (JTA)-- Fifty-six more refugee children left Marseille today under the auspices of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Quakers. They will sail from here Tuesday on board the *Serpa Pinto*.

It is reported that 51 of the children will be placed in American homes by the Committee for Refugee Children, of which Marshall Field is the chairman.

ANTI-SMITISM DECREASING IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS

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In the course of his tour, he visited Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Trinidad, Argentina, Brasil, Uruguay and Chile. In all of these countries, he was received by important Government officials with whom he discussed the plight of Jewry. Dr. Goldmann reported an improvement in the Jewish situation in these countries, stating "that there is no serious Jewish problem."

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Some hope was extended to Jewish war veterans who are the owners of businesses, with the announcement that exceptions will be made in some of their cases. Enlistees in the week veterans were ordered to report to the police with their discharge papers and records of front line service, decorations received or wounds suffered.

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