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### THOUSANDS OF JEWS EXPELLED FROM GERMANY TO PINSK SWAMPS IN POLAND

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Five thousand Jews, the majority of them between 50 and 80 years of age, have been expelled from Berlin to Nazi-held Poland since Friday in a renewed wave of mass-expulsions of Jews from the Reich; it is reported here today by the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Social Demokraten.

The expulsion is being conducted under the supervision of the Palestine-born Gestapo leader, Eichmann, who supervised similar expulsions of Jews last year from Vienna and the Czech Protectorate. The Berlin correspondent states that the aged Jews from Berlin were shipped in cattle trains to Lodz, Poland, from where they will be transported to Pinsk to work in the Pinsk swamps in the district of Rokitno.

The correspondent also reports from Berlin that raids on Jewish homes have been conducted in the German capital during the last two days with Jews being evicted from their houses with only several hours notice. They are not permitted to take with them any of their furniture or other belongings. According to the report similar raids are going on all over the country with a view toward expelling as many Jews as possible to the Pinsk swamps.

### NEW ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES REPORTED FROM NAZI-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

GENEVA, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Intensification of anti-Jewish measures is reported here today from Germany and Nazi-occupied territories. In Germany, Jews were informed that their ration cards for canned vegetables are no longer valid. In Prague, the Ministry of Commerce announced that the employment of Jewish apprentices in commercial establishments and in artisan shops is no longer permitted. In Holland an order was issued prohibiting Jews to continue their profession as photographers. Meanwhile, in Bulgaria the Government announced the confiscation of 500,000 levas from five Jews in Sofia under the pretext that they did not declare the full value of their property to the authorities under the law requiring Jews to do so.

At the same time it was reported that in Poland a ghetto for Jews was established this week in the town of Krasnik near Lublin. In Norway the Ministry of Justice barred Jewish lawyers from pleading in the courts. Similar action is expected to take place in regard to Jewish doctors.

### ZIONIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN SEND MESSAGE TO JEWISH WOMEN IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- A message of "friendship, comradeship" to the Jewish women in Soviet Russia was sent today by the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain. "For us Jews there can be no compromise in the struggle against the cruel enemy of mankind. We are heart and soul with you for a victorious end," the message read.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- A message of encouragement to the Jews of Soviet Russia was addressed today by the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress and transmitted through the Soviet Embassy in Washington. The message bids the Jews of the Soviet Union to take their part with all other Russians in defending Russia from Nazi aggression in the confident belief that behind them stand millions of fellow Jews in all parts of the world and the determination of all peoples fighting Nazism not to yield to Nazi subjugation.

The message says: "Fellow Jews in the Soviet Union, let us dedicate all our strength and all our resources to the task of utterly uprooting the Hitler regime and achieving victory for the forces of freedom. Let us march together with all those, of whatever faith or nationality, who are united in the determination to destroy the menace which threatens the whole world. Even as this war has proved to be indivisible and the fate of every people has proved to be bound up with the fate of all others, so will the peace of tomorrow be indivisible and the deliverance of every people will prove to be bound up with the deliverance of mankind. Let us together hasten the day of victory and peace through justice."

Pointing out that the free peoples of the world have found a new unity in the high destiny which summons them to the new task of delivering humanity from tyranny and laying the foundations for a better world the message declares: "At this moment of grave crisis in the history of your country, when its citizens have manned the ramparts of their capital city to defend the soil of Russia and the freedom of the world against the assault of a ruthless foe, we feel impelled to address to you a word of hope and courage on behalf of millions of your fellow Jews in all parts of the world. We salute through you the gallant soldiers, workers and peasants of the U.S.S.R. whose heroism in face of the attack of the mechanized hordes of the Nazi tyranny has stirred the whole world and given a new courage and hope to the millions who live in the darkness of Nazi oppression. We reaffirm our faith that the peoples of the Soviet Union, like all the peoples fighting the common enemy, will never yield to the Nazi oppressor. The enemy has overrun territories and destroyed cities but the nations he has sought to subjugate remain unconquered. Whatever the advances of the enemy, the struggle must and will go on until the Nazi system is destroyed.

"It is nine years since Hitler declared war on the Jewish people and proclaimed his intention to make life impossible for the Jewish masses not only in Germany but throughout the world. During this period, the Jewish people has known a suffering without parallel even in its own long history. But never once has it weakened in its resolve to carry the struggle forward till victory is achieved. The same invincible hope which has sustained us in the darkest hour of reverse and retreat will sustain you now. The free peoples of the world, irrespective of race and belief, have found a new unity in the high and perilous destiny which summons them all to the common task of delivering humanity from tyranny and laying the foundations of a better world."

WAR HAS DISRUPTED JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Calling upon British Jewry to exert extraordinary efforts to provide religious education for Jewish children evacuated from danger areas and scattered all over the country, some in places where a Jew was never seen before, a pamphlet issued today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews reveals that more than half of Britain's 35,000 Jewish children of school age are not receiving any religious education. It reports, however, that through the efforts of the Board of Deputies 500 Jewish schools are operating in Great Britain, staffed with 250 teachers. These schools provide educational facilities for more than 9,000 children, leaving about 18,000 children "in danger of growing up without any knowledge of Jewish spiritual values."

SPOTTED FEVER RAGING IN WARSAW JEWISH GHETTO, NAZI PRESS REPORTS

ZURICH, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Spotted fever is again raging in the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw and spreading throughout the entire city according to reports published in Berlin newspapers reaching here today.

The reports state that 92 percent of cases of fever throughout the Government General are Jewish, but that Jews "due to years of habit" have developed a certain immunity to this disease. This, the Nazi press says, explains why the death rate from spotted fever is only 10 percent among the Jewish patients, whereas among Germans and Poles it reaches 90 percent.

Stricter measures to check the spread of epidemics from the Warsaw ghetto to the non-Jewish population in the city have been undertaken by the German administration there, the Berlin newspapers state. They disclose that in houses where there is a case of spotted fever, Jewish guards have been stationed at the building to prevent anybody from leaving the premises. The guards are responsible directly to the German administration and not to the Jewish Community Council, since the occupation authorities consider the present wave of epidemic diseases as too serious to permit the Jewish Community to supervise the work of restricting it to the Jewish ghetto only.

Nazis in Poland Preparing to Confiscate Overcoats From Jews

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities in Poland are preparing to confiscate all overcoats belonging to Jews and Poles according to information reaching Polish circles here. Lists of overcoats owned by Jews and Poles, which in some cases are their last possessions of any value, have already been compiled, the report states, and actual confiscation only awaits orders from the Nazi officials in charge.

It was also reported that the Nazi "winter relief" campaign will soon be launched in Poland. Although contributions will have to be made by all sections of the population, Jews and Poles will be banned from receiving any benefits from the "winter relief" and only the Germans will benefit.

JEWISH ORTHODOX STUDENTS EXEMPTED FROM SERVICE IN THE POLISH ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Emulating the practice of the British military authorities, the Polish Government today announced that it will exempt Yeshiva students from military service in the Polish forces both in Britain and in Soviet Russia.

The Polish Government today received a cable from the representative body of Polish Jews in Palestine urging the reappointment of Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart as a member of the Polish National Council.

Czech political circles today indicated that one Jewish member will be appointed in the new Czech National Council which will be formed here soon. The Jewish appointee will in all likelihood be a Zionist.

LABOR UNION ALLOCATES \$20,000 TO HIAS CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- A contribution of \$20,000 towards the \$1,000,000 Fund-Raising Program of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society for the continuation of its 1941-42 "Rescue Through Emigration" services in the United States and abroad, has been voted by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Isaac L. Asofsky, HIAS Executive Director, announced today.

JEWS EQUALLY MISTREATED IN OCCUPIED AND UNOCCUPIED FRANCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- The situation of the Jews in France, both in the occupied and unoccupied parts, who now number 340,000 is described by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in the first comprehensive report since the surrender of France, published here today.

The report points out that there are differences in degree only but not in essence in the suffering of the Jews in the so-called free and occupied zones. The Jewish population in each of the zones is about 170,000. Jews who have lived in France since the third century are today subjected to exactly the same kind of oppression as Nazi Germany has initiated against the native German Jewish population.

The only bright spot in the black picture, says the report, is the attitude of the French masses, "With the exception of a few directly interested parties, the overwhelming majority of the French people has accepted anti-Jewish legislation as a further proof of the country's degradation."

CHICAGO CEREMONIES MARK 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST REFORM CONGREGATION

CHICAGO, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Leaders of three faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, together with Governor Dwight Green of Illinois and Mayor Edward Kelly, today participated in the eightieth anniversary of the "Sinai Temple," the first reform congregation in America, which was organized as a direct outgrowth of the "Reform Verein," established in June, 1857.

The celebration started with the morning religious service under the direction of Rabbi James Heller of Cincinnati, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. It was continued in the evening when several church dignitaries greeted the congregation which is headed by Rabbi Louis Mann.

RABBI ZIRELSON KILLED BY NAZI BOMBS IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- The Central Committee of the Agudas Israel announced today that they had been informed that Rabbi Judah Loeb Zirelson, 82, leading member of the Agudas Israel and the Chief Rabbi of Bessarabia had been killed in his home at Kishenev on July 6th during a German air-raid. Rabbi Zirelson who was born in the Ukraine had been a member of the Rumanian parliament and was instrumental in securing the section in the Rumanian Constitution of 1926 which provided equality for Jews.

VLADIMIR KOSOFSKY, POLISH BUNDIST, DIES HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA)-- Vladimir Kosofsky, 65, a founder and a member of the central committee of the Polish Socialist Bund, died here today in Mt. Sinai hospital after an illness of two months. Kosofsky arrived in the United States in April of this year after a tortuous journey from Vilna by way of Japan.

DOROTHY C. KAHN JOINS STAFF OF NRS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA)- Dorothy C. Kahn, outstanding leader in the social service field, and Assistant Executive Secretary of the American Association of Social Workers, will join the staff of the National Refugee Service as Director of the Family Service Department on November 1, it was announced by Albert Abrahamson, executive director of the agency. Miss Kahn has been granted a leave of absence from the American Association of Social Workers to assume her new post at NRS.