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### NAZIS DRIVE JEWS IN UKRAINE "TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION"; KIEV MADE "JUDENREIN"

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The city of Kiev which prior to Nazi occupation had a Jewish population of 150,000 people, is now completely "judenrein" according to a report published in the pro-Nazi Ukrainian newspaper Krakiwski Wisti, published in Cracow.

The paper, which reached here today, states that all the Jews of Kiev were driven out of the city by the Nazi army, immediately after the German troops took control of it. "The last Jew was expelled from Kiev on September 29," the Nazi-controlled Ukrainian paper states.

Describing the expulsion, the Krakiwski Wisti stated that soon after the occupation of the city, all Jews, including men, women and children of all ages, were taken from their homes and driven into barbed-wired enclosures located at the outskirts of Kiev. From there they were driven on foot to an undisclosed destination. Their fate remains unknown.

Similar was the fate of thousands of Jews in Zhitomir. According to the same Ukrainian newspaper only 6,000 Jews now remain in Zhitomir of the 50,000 who resided there prior to the Nazi occupation. The first division of pro-Nazi Ukrainians has been organized and stationed in Zhitomir. The Ukrainian units are composed of notorious anti-Semitic elements many of whom participated in pogroms against Jews during the last war under the Petlura regime.

The "thoroughness" with which the Nazis expelled the Jews from the Ukraine cities is highly commended in the Krakiwski Wisti. "The military Gestapo has performed a wonderful job in purging these aliens from our Ukrainian soil," the paper writes.

### TWO JEWISH DELEGATIONS READY TO LEAVE PALESTINE FOR SOVIET RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- All preparations have been made for the departure of two Jewish Labor delegations from Palestine to Soviet Russia, it was reported here today at the opening session of the conference of the General Council of the Histadruth, Palestine's Federation of Labor. The delegations only await the telegraphic consent of the Soviet government before embarking on their journey.

One of the delegations is a medical unit, while the other is entrusted with the mission of "encouraging the Russian fighters, workers and Jews," it was reported at the conference. The conference also heard reports on Jewish enlistment in the military forces in Palestine as well as on security measures of the Yishub. One of the principal problems which the conference will discuss is how to combat the sharp increase in prices of various commodities, some of which have risen about 200 percent.

DEPORTATION OF LUXEMBURG JEWS TO POLAND STARTED; MANY FLEE TO SPAIN

LISBON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The deportation of the 600 Jews who still remain in Luxemburg started today, according to reliable information received here. Herded in a cattle train the first group of Jews were transported to Poland without being permitted to take along with them more than bare necessities.

Warned of the forthcoming expulsion, some sixty Jews who have visas for overseas countries reached Barcelona today having left Luxemburg several days ago. Another group of 74 Luxemburg Jews are expected to reach the French-Spanish frontier tomorrow with visas which will enable them to eventually secure passage to American countries.

WHEELER DENIES SAYING ENGLAND FIGHTING "A JEWISH WAR"

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Senator Burton K. Wheeler, isolationist leader, last night denied in Washington that he had said that England was fighting "a Jewish war" and that America will not permit itself "to be brought into a war of revenge in behalf of the Jews." The charge against Senator Wheeler was made earlier in the day by Beverly Baxter, Conservative member of the British Parliament, prior to his embarking on the Dixie Clipper to return to London.

"Mr. Wheeler has some strange idea," said Mr. Baxter, carefully choosing his words and speaking slowly for the reporters, "that England is fighting a Jewish war. He told me that right across America there was a determination not to be brought into a war of revenge in behalf of the Jews. When I asked the Senator to identify the Jews who brought England into the war, he was unable to say. He added he had many friends among the Jews, and did not approve of the German treatment of Jews. I frankly found it difficult to follow his logic in this respect."

Senator Wheeler, informed of Mr. Baxter's statement, gave the following version of his meeting with Baxter: "He asked me if I thought that England was run by Jews. I told him I had never heard such a statement but that unfortunately a trend of anti-Semitic feeling was growing in the United States. Its unfortunate, but its true. He asked why. I said: 'Well, a lot of people believe that Jews are trying to get us into the war'."

RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL DIES IN CINCINNATI; STRICKEN AT UAHG MEETING

CINCINNATI, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Services were held here today for Dr. Edward L. Israel, newly elected executive director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and president of the Synagogue Council of America, who died here yesterday of a heart attack as he arose to speak at a meeting of the Union's executive board.

Rabbi Israel, who was 45 years old, was to be installed into his new office at the meeting. He had resigned recently as Rabbi of Har Sinai Congregation in Baltimore to become the executive director of the Union. In his new post he would have been one of the principal leaders of liberal Judaism in America.

Born in Cincinnati, Rabbi Israel received his rabbinical degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College. Washington College conferred an honorary doctorate of law upon him in 1939. He was a member of the executive of the American Jewish Congress, a member of the executive of the Zionist Organization of America and vice-president of the League for Labor Palestine. He also was active in the field of unemployment insurance and stabilizing employment and public housing, and was a member of the 1939 White House Conference on Children in Democracy.

DETERMINATION OF JEWS TO HAVE THEIR OWN ARMY EMPHASIZED BY BEN-GURION

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The Jewish people are determined to secure the establishment of their own army under their own flag, irrespective of whether this army will be recognized or not, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared here today addressing a conference arranged by the Jewish National Fund.

Ben-Gurion in his address scored the systematic failure of British officials to mention in their press reports that Jewish soldiers are fighting in the ranks of the British army. "This, despite the fact that ten thousand Jews have participated in the battles in Libya, Greece, Crete and Syria," Ben-Gurion said.

The conference adopted a resolution pledging itself to assist in the up-building of land settlement in Palestine "not only for those Jewish workers who are already there, but also for the millions who will stream into the country as soon as they will be given the opportunity." Another resolution sends "fraternal greetings to the 10,000 comrades who joined the British forces and distinguished themselves on the battlefields in France, Libya, Greece and Crete." A resolution expressing admiration for the courage and tenacity of the Russian people and hope for a final victory of the Russian army over Hitler's forces was also adopted by the conference.

Independent Jewish Army Asked by New York Histadruth Affiliates

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Formation of a Jewish army under its own flag and establishment of Palestine as a National Jewish State were called for last night in a resolution unanimously passed by delegates of 400 Jewish civic and benevolent societies affiliated to the Histadruth in a city-wide conference of the United Organizations for Palestine Pioneers held here.

Speaking for 100,000 members, the Conference declared: "We are proud of the heroic record of our Pioneers in Palestine. The Jewish workers, organized in the Histadruth, have created a remarkable cooperative society during the past twenty years." The conference heard tributes to the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis and M. M. Ussishkin and an appeal to help raise \$1,000,000 for Palestine pioneer work.

LAST GROUP OF PATRIA INTERNEES WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The last group of refugees from the S. S. Patria will be released from the internment camps at Athlit early next week, it was announced today.

At the same time the executive of the Vaad Leumi published a complete list of the 216 Patria victims. Of these, nine men, nine women, one young boy and one infant were never identified. An additional fourteen refugees died in the Athlit camp during the year of confinement.

SLOVAK GOVERNMENT HANDS JEWISH SCHOOL OVER TO GERMAN COLLEGE

ZURICH, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The Slovak Government has ordered the Jewish public school in Bratislava closed, it was reported today in the Neues Wiener Tageblatt. After alterations on the school building are completed the premises will be used for a German teachers academy and a school for German commercial apprentices, the Nazi paper disclosed. In the Czech Protectorate an extreme shortage of consumer goods was reported and an order that ration cards for tobacco be given only to aryan men - aryan women and girls are not to receive any.

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PERU, VENEZUELA ALSO READY TO ADMIT JEWISH REFUGEES, ROSENBERG DISCLOSES

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Inspired by the progress of the Jewish refugee settlement in the Dominican Republic, the governments of Peru and of Venezuela have now approached Jewish leaders in New York with a view to discussing the possibility of opening the doors of these two countries to refugees along the same lines as that in the Dominican Republic.

This was disclosed last night by James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, at a dinner given under his chairmanship at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to a group of Jewish leaders from all over the country. The speakers at the dinner included Leon Falk, Jr., president of the DORSA, Mr. Paul Baerwald, James G. McDonald, Dr. Joseph Rosen, Solomon Trone, George L. Warren and others.

In addressing the guests, Mr. Rosenberg disclosed that the Board of Directors of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association has decided to raise an additional \$600,000 in 1942 for the constructive settlement work which is now being successfully conducted in Sosua in the Dominican Republic. He explained the plans for raising money and announced that he himself planned to embark on a campaign tour throughout the country in order to interest local Jewish communities in the DORSA activities. Mr. Leon Falk, Jr., in his address gave a detailed review of the progress which the Sosua colony has made and emphasized the extent to which the general population in the Dominican Republic has benefited from the Jewish settlers.

Myron C. Taylor, Gov. Lehman Stress Importance of Dominican Experiment

The importance of the Jewish settlement work in the Dominican Republic was emphasized also in messages received from Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's Ambassador to the Vatican and "father of the Evian Conference," and from Governor Lehman. Pointing out that the colonization experiment in the Dominican Republic may have far-reaching effects, Ambassador Taylor, in his message addressed to Mr. Rosenberg, said: "It has been a matter of great interest to learn of the progress of the Dominican Republic Settlement for Refugees. You and your associates who have been so active in the development work which followed the initial offer by the Dominican Government, the first offer of its kind that was made following the Evian Conference, deserve the greatest praise. Your continued interest and support of this development will be heartening to the entire refugee movement in its present state and in the situation which is sure to occur during and particularly after the conclusion of the war. This initial Dominican example, embodying a definite settlement with prospects of substantial enlargement and ultimate success, will play an important part in those activities. These are days when we cannot afford to slacken our interest or our efforts in behalf of those in need."

Governor Lehman, in his message, termed the settlement of refugees in the Sosua colony as "a most significant undertaking which should be widely supported." The guests at the dinner were shown a film made in Sosua by the Paramount Film Corporation depicting the daily life of the Jewish settlers there and the progress which they have made from the very first day they landed on the shores of the Dominican Republic.

ISAAC BIBER, HEBREW WRITER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Isaac Biber, prominent Hebrew writer, died here today at the Israel Zion Hospital following a prolonged illness. He came to the United States thirty years ago from Russia, and after studying in the universities of Chicago and Urbana, spent several years in Palestine where he devoted himself to research work on the Bible.