

JTA

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

VOL. VIII. NO. 259

Wednesday, October 22, 1941

NAZIS INTENSIFY DEPORTATION OF GERMAN JEWS; DETERMINED TO MAKE REICH "JUDENREIN"

ON A GERMAN FRONTIER, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Mass deportation of German Jews to Polish swamps continued today as German officials announced that the Government was determined to make the Reich "judenrein" by deporting all of Germany's 190,000 Jews.

Travellers arriving here today from the Reich reported that thousands of Jews in Berlin, Cologne, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Dusseldorf and cities in the Rhineland are being hunted from their homes and transported nightly in cattle trains to Poland. They described how Jewish men, women and children are dragged from their beds by midnight raiders and forced into trucks by Gestapo agents. These trucks convey the Jews to the railroad stations from where they are shipped to Poland. The deportees are permitted to take along with them only a small valise containing the barest necessities. During the raids they are robbed of cash and other valuables by the Gestapo agents under the pretext that they are not permitted to take with them more than 100 marks.

Young Jews who were assigned to work in German factories engaged in war production were notified last week that they would be permitted to reside in Berlin provided that they lived in restricted Jewish areas. However, since Sunday, they too are being deported. Some Jews are ordered to leave at a few minutes notice while others are given a week's time to prepare for their expulsion.

The evicted Jews are all taken to Lodz, from where they are being transported to Pinsk for work in the swamps that formed the old Polish-Soviet frontier.

COMMITTEE TO AID RUSSIA FORMED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Emulating the United States and England, a group of leading personalities in Palestine today formed a committee to provide medical and technical aid to Soviet Russia.

The committee announced its formation by issuing an appeal to the Yishub to join in the effort of organizing the maximum possible assistance for the Soviet people in their fight against Nazi aggression. Among those who signed the appeal are Prof. Martin Buber, Prof. Saul Adler, the famous writers Max Brod and Arnold Zweig, the Habbimah actress Chanah Rovina, and others.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES FOOD STORES TO CHECK RISE IN PRICES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- The Palestine Government today announced over the radio that it is determined to check the rise in prices of foodstuff and other commodities by establishing special government stores. Flour, rice, sugar will be sold in these stores at government prices, the announcement said.

JTA

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

VOL. VIII. NO. 259

Wednesday, October 22, 1941

NAZIS INTENSIFY DEPORTATION OF GERMAN JEWS; DETERMINED TO MAKE REICH "JUDENREIN"

ON A GERMAN FRONTIER, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Mass deportation of German Jews to Polish swamps continued today as German officials announced that the Government was determined to make the Reich "judenrein" by deporting all of Germany's 190,000 Jews.

Travellers arriving here today from the Reich reported that thousands of Jews in Berlin, Cologne, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Dusseldorf and cities in the Rhineland are being hunted from their homes and transported nightly in cattle trains to Poland. They described how Jewish men, women and children are dragged from their beds by midnight raiders and forced into trucks by Gestapo agents. These trucks convey the Jews to the railroad stations from where they are shipped to Poland. The deportees are permitted to take along with them only a small valise containing the barest necessities. During the raids they are robbed of cash and other valuables by the Gestapo agents under the pretext that they are not permitted to take with them more than 100 marks.

Young Jews who were assigned to work in German factories engaged in war production were notified last week that they would be permitted to reside in Berlin provided that they lived in restricted Jewish areas. However, since Sunday, they too are being deported. Some Jews are ordered to leave at a few minutes notice while others are given a week's time to prepare for their expulsion.

The evicted Jews are all taken to Lodz, from where they are being transported to Pinsk for work in the swamps that formed the old Polish-Soviet frontier.

COMMITTEE TO AID RUSSIA FORMED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Emulating the United States and England, a group of leading personalities in Palestine today formed a committee to provide medical and technical aid to Soviet Russia.

The committee announced its formation by issuing an appeal to the Yishub to join in the effort of organizing the maximum possible assistance for the Soviet people in their fight against Nazi aggression. Among those who signed the appeal are Prof. Martin Buber, Prof. Saul Adler, the famous writers Max Brod and Arnold Zweig, the Habsburg actress Chaneh Rovina, and others.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES FOOD STORES TO CHECK RISE IN PRICES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- The Palestine Government today announced over the radio that it is determined to check the rise in prices of foodstuff and other commodities by establishing special government stores. Flour, rice, sugar will be sold in these stores at government prices, the announcement said.

DR. HERMAN LIEBERMAN, FIRST JEW IN POLISH CABINET, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Dr. Herman Lieberman, the Jewish leader of the Polish Socialist Party who became the first Jew to hold a portfolio in the Polish cabinet when he was appointed Minister of Justice last month, died here today of a heart attack at the age of 71.

Soon after the news of his death reached the members of the Polish Government, Premier Sikorski convoked a special meeting of the cabinet to pay tribute to his memory. President Wladislaw Raczewicz of Poland announced the posthumous award to Lieberman of the White Eagle which is the highest Polish order.

Premier Sikorski in eulogizing Dr. Lieberman at the cabinet meeting emphasized the outstanding patriotic activities which he conducted for the Polish people. "He died admired and loved by both his political friends and adversaries as one of Poland's best sons," the Polish Premier said. The Council of Polish Jews in Britain likewise held a memorial session today at which Dr. Lieberman was eulogized as a tireless fighter for Poland and for Jewish rights within a democratic Polish Republic.

Was Persecuted by Marshal Pilsudski

Dr. Lieberman had a hectic political career that ran the gamut from imprisonment at the hands of Marshal Pilsudski to a cabinet post in the present Polish government-in-exile. For many years Dr. Lieberman lived in exile. He first achieved public notice when in 1905 he was arrested in Paris on the request of the Russian Government which accused him of complicity in the Polish Revolution of that year. From 1907 until 1918 he represented the Social Democrats in the Austrian Parliament, always remaining active in Polish republican affairs.

In 1922 he was elected to the Polish Constitutional National Diet. In 1926 when the Pilsudski government veered sharply to the right Lieberman rebelled, was jailed on charges of conspiracy and eventually escaped and fled to exile. Shortly before the present war broke out Lieberman was offered the opportunity of returning to Poland on the condition that he spend a symbolic term of one day in jail. He refused and did not rejoin the Polish government until the government-in-exile was set up in Paris when he became vice-president of the Polish National Council. After the fall of France he removed to London with the Polish government.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT RALLY HELD IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- A large rally of Polish Boy Scouts meeting here, which was attended by representatives of the Czech, Jewish, English and Arab Scouts, decided to establish a temporary central committee in Palestine to carry on international Scout activities in the Near East.

Jehuda Nediva, Tel Aviv town clerk and a member of the central committee of the Jewish Scouts, addressed the meeting calling for close cooperation between all Scout organizations in the Middle and Near East. The rally cabled the Polish Government in London and Polish Premier Sikorski that they were ready "to carry out any orders." Cables of greetings were received from Samarkand from many Latvian and Polish Jewish Scouts who fled from their home lands to Bukhara.

RABBI ALKALAI FETED AT TEL AVIV RECEPTION

TEL AVIV, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- More than 200 writers, journalists and prominent Palestinian figures today attended a reception given by the Brith Ivrit Olamith to Rabbi Isaac Alkalai, Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia, who arrived in Palestine recently after a danger-fraught trip from Belgrade by way of Istanbul.

FIRST GROUP OF RABBINICAL STUDENTS FROM POLAND REACHES CANADA

MONTREAL, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- The first group of 29 Yeshivah students from Poland is expected to arrive here today after circling the globe all the way from Poland through Lithuania, Soviet Russia, Japan and the United States. They were brought to San Francisco this week on a Japanese liner as forerunners of a group of eighty who have been granted special permission to enter Canada and remain here for the duration of the war.

The Joint Distribution Committee, which has assumed the financial responsibility for the transportation of the students from Japan to Canada, has arranged with the State Department in Washington to permit their passage through the United States without any transit visas. Instead of visas, the State Department agreed to have the group escorted from San Francisco to the Canadian frontier by two special immigration officials.

The group had been stranded in Japan for many months. Permission for their entry to Canada was obtained through the efforts of a Jewish delegation which recently visited Ottawa and also through the cooperation of the Polish Government-in-exile. The founding of a Yeshiva is contemplated here to enable them to continue their studies. The widow and son of the noted Rabbi Chofetz Chaim, are accompanying the group.

JEWISH BABY IN PALESTINE NAMED VICTOR TO SIGNIFY BRITISH VICTORY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- A Jewish infant born here today was named Victor to signify the conviction of British victory over Hitler. The infant, it seems, decided to arrive a little before schedule and while a hurry call was sent out for an ambulance to transport the mother to the maternity hospital, an Anzac officer volunteered the use of his car provided that the child, when born, be named Victoria if a girl, or Victor if a boy. The parents gladly accepted the proviso and now they have difficulty in preventing the Anzacs from spoiling the baby by showering it with gifts.

WHEELER SPREADS ANTI-SEMITISM BY MISLEADING STATEMENTS, N.Y. PAPER CHARGES

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- The charge that Senator Wheeler is helping spread anti-Semitism by misleading statements about Jews, is made today in an editorial in the New York Herald Tribune which takes issue with the Senator for his public assertion yesterday that anti-Semitic feeling was growing in America because "a lot of people believe the Jews are trying to get us into the war."

"This is an utterly wrongheaded and misleading statement of the case," the editorial says. "There are many groups in this country whose members are predominantly in favor of some particular form of action - or inaction - in the present crisis. The factors which condition their attitudes are by no means only racial - they may simply be a matter of geography. In this there is no cause of reproach, no matter what side of the controversy the group may choose, so long as it conducts itself honestly within the frame of the American system. It is, however, dangerous and un-American to use group labels carelessly.

"This plain truth applies to the Jews as well as to any other group, and it is the duty of men like Senator Wheeler and Senator Nye to urge it upon all who listen to them, instead of using the threat of acute anti-Semitism as a whip to lash their opponents into line with their own policies. It does not mean that individual Jews or Jewish organizations are above criticism for whatever action they may take or thoughts they may express. It simply means that the Jews as a group must not be accused - on no evidence whatever - of possessing greater power than they are legitimately entitled to in our republic, and thereby made the scapegoat for whatever an uninformed minority in this country chooses to consider a national evil.

FUNERAL OF DR. ISRAEL TO TAKE PLACE TODAY IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Funeral services for Rabbi Edward L. Israel who died Sunday in Cincinnati at a meeting of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will be held here tomorrow at the Har Sinai Congregation where Dr. Israel served as Rabbi for many years prior to his resignation a few months ago to accept the office of executive director of the UAHC in Cincinnati.

Messages mourning the death of Rabbi Israel were sent to his family and the Har Sinai Congregation by various Jewish organizations in all parts of the country. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, in behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, emphasized that "in the sudden and untimely passing of Dr. Israel, the Zionist movement lost one of its most ardent workers and eloquent champions." Rabbi Israel was a member of the national executive committee of the ZOA.

The League for Labor Palestine, of which Rabbi Israel was vice-president, in a message pointed out that he was an ardent admirer of the Palestine Labor Federation, and "combined a deep understanding of contemporary, social and economic problems with a high moral sense in the best Jewish tradition." The General Jewish Council, expressing sympathy to his family, said that "as president of the Synagogue Council, as a liberal labor mediator, and as an indefatigable worker in the American inter-faith movement, Rabbi Israel made a great contribution to the better understanding between man and his fellow-men."

NATHAN LASKI, LEADER OF BRITISH JEWRY, DEAD

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- Nathan Laski, one of the most prominent Jewish leaders in England, died today at the age of 78 in the Jewish hospital in Manchester of which he was chairman of the Board of Directors. He was taken to the hospital Sunday with a broken leg after being knocked down in the street by a car.

After retiring from business in 1930, Nathan Laski devoted himself to Jewish religious and philanthropic activities. He was the chairman of the Jewish Council in Manchester and president of the Great Synagogue there. He was also a member of the executive of the "King's Fund." His son, Neville Laski, is one of the outstanding leaders of British Jewry and was for many years the president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Another son, Harold J. Laski, is a professor of political science and author of many books on the political and economic scene.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WINANT EULOGIZES BRANDEIS AT LONDON MEETING

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA)-- United States Ambassador John G. Winant, Zionist leaders and prominent British Jews joined today in paying tribute to the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis in a memorial meeting held here under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Winant declared Brandeis was a "great Jew as well as a wise counsellor." Dr. Chaim Weizmann praised Brandeis as "one of the staunchest friends of Great Britain and America whose counsel carried much weight in shaping American policy since the war. The Zionist President recalled that after the issuing of the White Paper Brandeis appealed to the Jewish people not to compromise and not to lose faith in the sense and justice of the British people.

David Ben-Gurion characterized the late jurist as a "unique figure in our lifetime. He has double greatness - he was a great Jew and a great American; while Disraeli, Lesalle and Trotsky were only great men and Herl and others were only great Jews."