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5,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM VIENNA TO POLAND; SUICIDES REPORTED

LISBON, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- More than 5,000 Vienna Jews, including aged and ill, were deported to Poland in five groups over a period of ten days and amid scenes of brutality comparing with the worst chapters in the history of Vienna's Jewry since the Anschluss, according to authoritative information reaching here today.

Orders for transportation of the Jews were announced by the Central Office for Jewish Emigration, which is a branch of the Gestapo housed in the Rothschild Palace on Prinz Eugenstrasse. This office has a complete list of all Jews in Vienna and selected 8,000 for shipment to Poland. Apparently the deportations to Poland were carried out throughout the Reich on a "quota" system, each city being given a specified total.

The selected victims received printed cards giving them four days' notice to appear at Kestelletz School with a maximum of 50 kilos (112 lbs.) of luggage and 100 marks (nominally \$40) in cash. The notices created the greatest panic and depression and resulted in a veritable wave of suicides among the recipients. The exact total of suicides is not known but scores were reported, resulting in roundups throughout the city and vicinity by the S.S. men.

Victims Forbidden to Receive Medical Aid

The S.S. men surrounded and searched Jewish houses and seized the victims, many of whom were not given an opportunity to bid their families farewell or pack their miserable belongings for the journey. The searches were carried out under the direction of the notorious Jew-baiter, S.S. group leader Brunner, who constantly complained of the slowness in collecting the victims and the delays in sending out the trains.

Brunner forbade the Rothschild Hospital to admit patients who were included in the deportation list. Thus the hospital, before aiding the ill or the victims of accidents had first to ascertain if they were on the list. If so the hospital was barred from rendering aid. Cases were reported of people dying in the streets and their homes when they were deprived of hospitalization because they had been earmarked for deportation.

One specific case about which this correspondent received definite information concerned an aged man in a comatose condition who had to be denied admission to the hospital and who subsequently had to be carried to the concentration center.

Some of those marked for deportation succeeded in escaping by proving they had been enabled to emigrate themselves within the next few days. The Nazis also exempted the families of men taken to work in Germany but curiously enough did not exempt families of those employed in Vienna. Removal of their names from the list,

however, only accelerated S.S. activities, resulting in the seizing of others to complete the transport quotas.

An example of this was the case of a Jewish doctor who was treating a patient when the S.S. men surrounded the house. When he left, he was stopped by the guards, who demanded his papers. When he shifted his medical kit under his arm to reach for the papers he inadvertently covered part of the Star of David, he was wearing. The S.S. men thereupon accused the doctor of concealing the badge, beat him for hours and then included him in a group of deportees.

Deportees Stamped Like Cattle With Indelible Ink

More than 1,200 were jammed in the Kastelletz School awaiting the first shipment to Poland. Guarded by S.S. men, all received an indelible stamp on their wrist, marking them as deportees as an added precaution in the event of escape. After nightfall they were herded into open trucks, being packed so tightly that they couldn't move, and taken to the railroad station. The sight was so pathetic as the trucks jounced along the streets that passerbys were moved to sympathetic comment.

Nightmare conditions prevailed on the trains, in which the deportees were jammed so tightly that they had to stand for the entire journey of several days and nights to Lodz, which apparently was the reception center. The oldest rolling stock available, unequipped with toilets or water supply, were used. Under the conditions prevailing when the trains left Vienna there is little doubt that scores of aged and invalids must have perished en route.

Their baggage, containing all the worldly possessions these miserable people were allowed to retain, was taken from them at the school for shipment in baggage cars or subsequent trains. To judge from past experience, it is doubtful if they will ever receive it. Some of those snatched during the roundups had no hope of obtaining baggage since they had no chance to pack before their seizure.

No information is available on whether arrangements had been made to house the deportees in Polish ghettos, but if previous experience is a guide here, they are doomed to face the cruel hardships of the Polish winter without shelter or any clothing except what is on their backs.

RAID ON PRO-NAZI EDITOR'S HOME NETS QUANTITY OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

CHICAGO, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- Dies Committee investigators raided the three-room apartment of Homer Herman Maertz, a pro-Nazi editor, and seized large quantities of pro-Fascist and anti-Semitic literature. Maertz was not at home, and the raiders left with his landlord a subpoena ordering his appearance in Washington before the Dies Committee on un-American activities.

Among the literature were handbills proclaiming: "This is a Jewish, not an American emergency;" several thousand gummed stickers carrying a cartoon showing President Roosevelt surrounded by Jewish advisers; several issues of the Dispatch, a mimeographed pro-Nazi publication bearing Maertz' name as editor and stickers reading: "Gentile America says long live Lindbergh."

SYNAGOGUE DEDICATES MEMORIAL TABLET FOR BRANDEIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- A bronze tablet was dedicated yesterday as a memorial to the late Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, at the Wall Street Synagogue, 35 Maiden Lane. The inscription on the tablet is: "Louis D. Brandeis, humanist, philosopher and statesman. Immemorably linked with the remembrance of the Jewish people. 1856-1941."

SLOVAKIA CONFISCATES \$37,000,000 JEWISH CAPITAL; CUTS BREAD RATION OF JEWS

BERNE, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- The confiscation of \$37,000,000 in Slovakian currency from Jews in Slovakia whom the authorities are now deporting to ghettos in remote parts of the country, is reported here today.

The report states that the Slovak authorities have confiscated 500,000,000 kronen, equivalent to \$17,000,000, from Jews for a future mass-emigration project, without permitting the money to be utilized by individual emigrants. An additional 600,000,000 kronen, or about \$20,000,000, has been confiscated by the Government.

Details of the mass-deportation of Jews from Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, contained in this report, reveals that all of the 14,000 Jews residing in Bratislava have received orders to leave the city before the end of this year. Similarly all Jews living in cities whose population is over 5,000 must leave. The expelled Jews are not allowed to take with them more than 60 lbs. of belongings.

The report also reveals that Jews in Slovakia are permitted to receive only four ounces of bread daily. It states that on the Jewish New Year the Jews in Bratislava were driven from their synagogues where Rosh Hashanah services were held, and were forced to clean an elementary school which formerly belonged to the Jewish community, but was requisitioned and is now occupied by the Germans.

JDC RELIEF OFFICE OPENED IN POLISH TERRITORY ANNEXED TO REICH

GENEVA, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- Intensification of relief work among Jews in the parts of Poland which the Nazis have annexed to Germany is reported here today with the opening of a branch office of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Sosnowietz, Poland, to supervise and coordinate the work in East Upper Silesia and the Warthegau which includes the Lodz and Posen districts.

The JDC office was established following consultations with the representatives of the JDC in Krakau which supervises the relief work for the Jews in Nazi-held Poland and with the Reichsvereinigung in Berlin, which conducts the relief work among Jews in Germany. The Sosnowietz office will make it possible to institute a better control of relief funds distributed in the annexed Polish areas and a more coordinated program for the entire territory.

CZECHS PROHIBITED TO TREAT JEWS TO A CIGARETTE; MAIL RESTRICTIONS FOR JEWS

LISEON, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- Following the order prohibiting the sale of tobacco to Jews, the Official Gazette of the Czech Protectorate today published an order forbidding "Aryans" to give cigarettes and other tobacco products to any person wearing the yellow Mogen David.

Another order declares that Jews still living in Prague may use only one post office, and only during certain hours. Similar regulations are announced for all Protectorate cities having more than one post office. In towns where there is only one post office, Jews may enter only during specified hours.

UNITARIAN CONVENTION ADOPTS RESOLUTION DECRYING ANTI-SEMITISM

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- A resolution decrying anti-Semitism as "an ominous threat to the security and liberty of all minority groups" was adopted today at the closing session of the convention of the American Unitarian Associations, meeting here.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS BALFOUR-BRANDEIS RALLY IN NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- Jewish communities in the larger cities throughout the United States will observe the 24th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration beginning tomorrow evening with mass meetings at which leading American statesmen and outstanding Zionist leaders will call for the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, as pledged by the British Government in the Balfour Declaration. The rallies will also serve to honor the memory of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis who played a vital role in securing the pledge from the British Government.

In New York Senator Alben W. Barkley, United States Senate majority leader, will address a mass meeting in Carnegie Hall tomorrow. He will share the platform with Sir Norman Angell, outstanding British liberal and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, and William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor who is Vice-Chairman of the American Palestine Committee. Dr. Stephen S. Wise will be Chairman of the meeting.

Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, in his capacity as Chairman of the American Palestine Committee, issued a call to the members of the Committee urging them to give expression to their support for the Jewish National Home in Palestine on the occasion of the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. "At this time in particular, when the clouds of war still hang over the Middle East and an attempt is being made to cast unjust reflections on the patriotism of our Jewish fellow-citizens, I feel that we, the members of the American Palestine Committee, should give expression to our good will by participating as far as we can in the observances in our respective communities, and in any other possible ways," stated Senator Wagner.

HERZLIAH TEACHERS COLLEGE LAUNCHES \$100,000 CAMPAIGN ON TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- The twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Herzliah Hebrew Academy which is, as a teachers seminary, recognized by several Teachers Colleges, will be celebrated next week in New York where the institution was established twenty years ago on Nov. 1st, it was announced today.

The announcement states that the Herzliah is soon to launch a campaign for \$100,000 under the leadership of Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, "in order to build an appropriate home for its 400 students." During the twenty years of its existence, the Herzliah graduated 448 students, 153 of whom are now engaged in teaching Hebrew culture in American High Schools, Yeshivahs, and Talmid Torahs. Ten of its graduates are in Palestine as teachers in educational institutions there.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH JUNIORS OPPOSES ANTI-ALIEN LEGISLATION

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31. (JTA)-- A resolution opposing legislation which "tends to discriminate against the legally admitted alien in the United States" was adopted today at the closing session of the four-day convention of the National Council of Jewish Juniors, which met here. Marion Schuman of Chicago was elected president of the Council to hold office until the next biennial convention in 1943.

DALLAS FEDERATION GRANTS \$35,000 TO UJA IN MEMORY OF LATE LEADER

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