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6,000 FRENCH JEWS ROUNDED UP BY NAZIS FOR DEPORTATION TO EASTERN EUROPE

VICHY, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- About 6,000 French Jews, including some of the most influential and wealthiest in Paris, were rounded up by the German occupation forces in that city last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for deportation to Eastern Europe, it was learned here today.

Among those rounded up were Eugene Dreyfus, former President of the Paris Court of Appeals; Judge Laemle, former president of the Seine Court, and the Bollack Brothers, among the most wealthy traders on the Stock Exchange.

Those arrested were picked up at dawn and taken in motor trucks to police stations. Later they were placed in a concentration camp within the city limits, pending deportation to Poland and German-occupied Russia.

It is learned that the figure may reach 8,000 to 10,000 before the arrests cease. Many of the victims slated for deportation are also being taken from Jewish concentration camps, it is reported here.

WIDE-SPREAD STARVATION, EPIDEMICS IN NAZI-HELD EASTERN POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Wide-spread starvation on an unprecedented scale exists today among both Jews and Poles in Nazi-held Eastern Poland, which was captured from the Soviet Union, according to information reaching Polish circles here today.

In the Grodno district, it is reported, there is almost a complete lack of all foodstuffs and essential supplies, even potatoes. Despite the large forests surrounding the town, no fuel is available to heat the houses which were left standing after the cessation of hostilities in this area. The majority of the district's Jewish and Polish inhabitants, however, live in cellars, since most of those houses which were not destroyed are occupied by German military and civil officials. Jewish and Polish patients have been evicted from the hospitals in Grodno which are jammed with Nazi soldiers wounded on the Soviet front. Large shipments of other German wounded pass the town in a never-ending procession, bound west. In addition a severe typhus epidemic is raging in the region and Nazi military authorities have expressed fear that it will spread to the German troops on the Eastern front. At the same time they charge the epidemic originates in the Jewish ghettos in Poland.

The increasing food shortage, also, in the districts of Poland which have been directly annexed to the Reich, is illustrated by an order further restricting the foodstuffs which may be purchased by Poles and Jews. The decree which appears in the Ostdeutscher Beobachter published by the Nazis in Poznan, which reached here today, bars Jews and Poles from buying sugar. Under previously issued orders, they are already forbidden to purchase butter, eggs, rolls, cream, sweets of any kind and fruit.

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GERMAN WORKING CLASS REPORTED DISSATISFIED WITH CONSTANT NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Dissatisfaction with the constant anti-Jewish propaganda of the Nazi party, radio and press is manifesting itself among wide sections of the German working class, according to information disclosed here today by a Jewish worker, who was able to emigrate from Germany before practically all emigration was halted.

The refugee worked as a mechanic in a Hamburg factory and was in constant contact with a hundred other workers, yet, he states, although it was known that he was a Jew on no occasion did he get into any difficulties with his fellow workers nor was he subjected to any indignities or humiliation. Some of the Germans who worked with him even remarked that the anti-Jewish laws were "despicable," he reports. When the order providing that every Jew wear a Mogen David was first announced, one of the factory employees remarked: "We, also, ought to wear this thing in order that we might be taken for decent fellows."

In the house where he lived, the emigre reveals, his non-Jewish neighbors made it a practice to leave foods which Jews were forbidden to purchase on top of the pail of sand which stood before his room for use in case of fire resulting from R.A.F. bombings. During harvest time one neighbor who owned an orchard would heap the pail with fruit which was marked "Windfallen - without value" although the fruit was in perfectly good condition.

These pro-Jewish actions continue despite ruthless reprisals upon the part of the Nazi officials when they uncovered evidence of Germans befriending Jews, according to a reliable report from another Jewish worker formerly employed in Berlin. A shopmate of his, the Berlin Jew said, was sent to the Wustermark compulsory labor camp because he had expressed indignation and disgust when a column of Jewish workers who were being marched through the factory courtyard were maltreated by the Nazi guards.

Information received from a Jewish lawyer in Berlin, who recently emigrated from Germany, discloses the extent to which corruption has spread among the Nazi bureaucracy. In one district, the lawyer reported, all the Jews were ordered to deliver their valuables to the municipal pawn shop, but, in some way, most of the property disappeared. As a result the manager of the shop was imprisoned as was a high S.S. official who while in charge of supervising foreign exchange control had organized a private smuggling ring.

JEWISH GOLDSMITHS MUST REPORT ALL METALS, JEWELS IN THEIR POSSESSION TO GOVERNMENT

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Jewish metal workers in Galicia, in the Government-General section of Nazi-held Poland, have been ordered to report any precious metals or stones they may have in their possession in connection with their work, before January 1, it is reported today. Permission to transfer or sell any such articles must be secured from the authorities, who may compel the owners to sell these objects to a particular person or firm. The reports reaching here state that similar measures have been taken in other sections of the Government-General.

1,585 PALESTINE SOLDIERS FIGHTING WITH R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- There were 1,585 Palestinians serving with the Royal Air Force as of October 31, it was announced today in the House of Lords by Lord Moyne, the Secretary for Colonies. Lord Moyne's statement came in reply to a question by Lord Strabolgi.

MOST BESSARABIAN JEWS DEPORTED TO LABOR CAMPS ON RIVER BUG

LISBON, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- All but a "few thousand" of the Jews of Bessarabia have now been deported from the province to labor camps on the River Bug, according to Voiculescu, governor of Bessarabia, it is reported in a dispatch from a Bucharest correspondent to the Berliner Borsen Zeitung, which reached here today.

The Rumanian official in the interview he gave the German correspondent alleged that the "Jews were the only ones who had any rights in Bessarabia during the Russian occupation." Now, he said, all but a few thousand of them have been transported to the Bug River area where "they are being put to work repairing roads and making good the damage done by the Russians in their retreat."

9,851 JEWISH BUSINESSES CONFISCATED BY SLOVAK GOVERNMENT

ZURICH, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Further confiscations of Jewish businesses in Slovakia were announced today by the Bratislava radio.

Including confiscations slated to take place up until Dec. 29, the broadcast stated, the total Jewish enterprises taken over by the Slovak state will number 9,851.

Other information reaching here today from Bratislava discloses that by the end of October, all Jewish real estate, with the exception of some farms and drug stores, valued at 1,250,000,000 kronen, approximately \$425,000,000, had been confiscated. This real estate, the report adds, comprised one fourth of all Jewish-owned property of any kind in Slovakia.

PALESTINE FEELS THIS IS ITS WAR TOO, POALE ZION LEADER DECLARES

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Palestine Jews feel that they have a stake in this war to the same extent as the British, the Czechs, the Poles or any of the other Allied nations, declared Berl Locker, Poale-Zionist leader today at a luncheon arranged by the British Poale-Zion Trade Union Club for representatives of the trade unions of the Allied nations.

Stating that the purpose of the gathering was to firstly, establish closer contact among the labor groups of the various countries in Nazi-occupied Europe and secondly, to acquaint the labor representatives with the problem of Palestine, Locker pointed out that "Britain has some allies in the Middle East who stay neutral, while the Jews want to be allies, but are not accepted, or rather accepted but not wanted." He stressed the fact that whenever a British war communique mentions Palestine soldiers, it should read Jewish soldiers, because of the 15,000 Palestine troops about 12,000 are Jewish.

SAO PAULO CONGREGATION NOW ISSUES ONLY JEWISH PUBLICATION IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- The Congregacao Israelita, Hebrew Congregation of Sao Paulo, today marked its fifth anniversary with an appeal to its members to double its membership.

The congregation now issues the only publication dealing with Jewish affairs in Brazil as a result of an official decree last week prohibiting the publication of any Jewish newspapers, even though they appear in Portuguese.

Pursuant with the law the Cronica Israelita, the synagogue's magazine, is published in Portuguese. Most of the congregation is composed of refugee German Jews.

"ARYANIZATION" OF JEWISH-OWNED BUSINESS IN HUNGARY MEETING WITH GREAT DIFFICULTIES

ANKARA, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- "Aryanization" of Jewish-owned property in Hungary is meeting with great difficulties; it was disclosed today in reports of a Parliamentary debate reaching here.

Count Nikolaus Serenyi, who once served a jail sentence for anti-Semitic agitation, was told by one of his colleagues, Deputy Dr. Szindley, that Hungary's economic life would be injured by enactment of the Serenyi bill for rapid exclusion of Jews from trade. "The solution of the Jewish question is not exclusively a political question, especially today, when we must consider the economic side of the question not only in our own interests but also in the interest of the wartime trade of our allies," Dr. Szindley told the Parliament. "One could replace all the directors and big traders by Christians, but I am inclined to believe that trade would be damaged by this measure. It is impossible to reform trade so thoroughly by simply setting up a new list of names."

NO CASUALTIES AMONG 1,300 JEWISH REFUGEES IN PHILIPPINES DESPITE JAPANESE BOMBINGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- No casualties have been suffered by the 1,300 Jewish refugees now in the Philippines as a result of repeated Japanese bombings of the islands, it was learned here today by the Joint Distribution Committee.

A cable from the Refugee Committee in Manila stated: "No casualties among transient, oldtime Jewish refugees." Most of the refugees have been in the Philippines for several years. Some came there directly and others finally settled there after leaving Shanghai. A small group, now stranded in Manila, were on their way to the United States.

WAR INCREASES NEED OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES, SILVER, WISE DECLARE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- As a result of America's entry into the war the problems confronting the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine are far greater than at any other time since the establishment of the combined nationwide campaign in behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, it was announced today by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, National Chairmen.

The Axis declaration of war against the United States has greatly increased the needs on the three fronts of Jewish rescue and rehabilitation in Europe, Palestine and the United States, they said. Pointing to the fact that in many spheres of rescue activity the programs of the three constituent agencies must be enlarged as a result of the spread of the war to the Western Hemisphere, the National Chairmen urged American Jewry to increase its support of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine, as a means of strengthening the forces resisting Hitlerism throughout the world. They cited President Roosevelt's recent speech in which he stressed the fact that resistance to the Nazi regime anywhere represents direct aid to the United States.

JEWISH PRINCIPALS DISCUSS CIVILIAN DEFENSE, AIR RAID PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA)-- Many of the problems in handling children in wartime emergency in the Jewish religious schools of New York City were discussed yesterday at the first civilian defense meeting of principals and head teachers of Jewish Weekday Schools and Sunday Schools, under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee. Over two hundred Jewish educators attended the meeting, presided over by Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Education Committee.