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### ANTONESCU DISSOLVES ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN ROMANIA

ANKARA, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- The Rumanian Government today, emulating the Nazi-dominated French and Belgian governments, ordered dissolution of all Jewish organizations in the country, according to a decree issued by Gen. Ion Antonescu, which was broadcast by the Bucharest radio.

The Union of Jewish Communities as well as all Jewish associations and societies will be combined in a central Jewish office, which will be under government control, the broadcast announced. All Jews in Rumania, regardless of their nationality, have been ordered to register with the central Jewish body. A report from Bucharest several weeks ago stated that the heads of the local Jewish communities in every Rumanian city, with the exception of Bucharest itself, had been sent to concentration camps.

### NAZIS DECIDE TO ENLARGE LWOW GHETTO; WILL INCLUDE STREET NAMED AFTER PETLURA

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- The Lwow ghetto, in which 120,000 Jews have already been confined, will now be enlarged according to latest plans of the Nazi occupation forces, it was learned in Polish circles here today.

The Germans plan to enlarge the ghetto by including Wągorowa, Szpitalana, Rapoporta, Kleparowska and Petlurowska streets within the segregated area's confines, the report states. Petlurowska street is named after the Ukrainian general who inflicted wide-scale, bloody pogroms upon the Jews of the Ukraine during the period of the Russian revolution. Houses on these streets which are now occupied by non-Jews must be vacated and Jews will be ordered to move into them, under the Nazi order.

Meanwhile, the Polish circles disclose, the German officials in the Government-General section of Poland have announced stern reprisals against Jews and Poles in the territory who fail to surrender all arms to the authorities. Pointing out that Dec. 15 was set as the last day for non-German residents of Eastern Galicia to turn in any arms in their possession, the Krakiwski Wisti declares that death sentences will be meted out and immediately executed not only on those who failed to obey the order, but also on persons who fail to report delinquents to the authorities.

### 250 AGED JEWS REPORTED EXECUTED BY NAZIS IN LUXEMBURG

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- Two hundred and fifty Luxemburg Jews over 65 years old were today reported to have been executed by gas in an old monastery in Ulflingen where they had been confined since the Gestapo rounded them up last October.

They were among 600 Jews, all over 50, who were arrested by the Nazi secret police. The majority of those arrested were reportedly sent to the Warsaw ghetto.

LARGE NUMBERS OF POLISH JEWS APPLYING FOR RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- Large numbers of Polish Jews who were deprived of their Polish citizenship by the pre-war government have applied for restoration of their rights, under the recent decree of the Polish Government-in-exile abrogating the citizenship law of 1938, it was revealed here today.

In order to facilitate the filing of such applications by Polish Jews who are now scattered throughout the world, the Lisbon headquarters of the Hias-Ica has been informed of the procedure to be followed and it has dispatched this information to its branches in Europe, North Africa, and North and South America.

BELGIAN JEWISH OPTICIAN POKES FUN AT NAZI REGULATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- How a well known Jewish optician in Liege poked fun at the Nazi restrictions in his city, is related by Belgian circles here today.

The optician was ordered to place a sign in his window to indicate clearly that his was a Jewish-owned firm. Obeying these regulations he hung up a notice bearing the usual inscription: "Jewish Concern"; and then placed after these two words, the following: "as you have all known for a long time."

THOUSANDS ATTEND "UNITE FOR VICTORY" RALLY SPONSORED BY COMMITTEE OF JEWISH WRITERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- Thousands of people gathered in Madison Square Garden tonight at the "Unite for Victory" rally sponsored by the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists in the United States. Originally the rally was designed to answer a radioed call from Jewish writers and artists in the Soviet Union for action by Jews the world over to defeat Hitlerism. It was planned in line with a message of "hope and encouragement" broadcast overseas on October 26 by the sponsoring committee in the name of some 200 Jewish writers, artists, clergymen, scientists and scholars. When the United States entered the war, the nature of the meeting was changed.

Among those speaking last night were Samuel Levy, president of the Yeshiva College and former president of the Borough of Manhattan, who acted as chairman; U. S. Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, member of the Senate foreign relations committee; Representative Sol Bloom, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee; Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister, Czech-Slovak Government-in-Exile; Sholem Asch; Abraham Goldberg, a member of the American Jewish Congress governing council; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president, Rabbinical Council of America and Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, vice-president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association.

JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS' ALLIANCE BUYS \$25,000 DEFENSE BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA)-- In a telegram addressed to President Roosevelt, the General Executive Board of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance today pledged the unqualified support of its membership and branches to the Government in the present war effort. At the same time the organization announced that it has purchased \$25,000 in Defense Savings Bonds, and that on Monday it will dedicate an X-Ray ambulance unit for service with the Allied armies in the Near East.

In Brooklyn a gift of \$2,000 to equip and maintain a room in a nursing home for bomb-shocked children in England was presented today by the Brooklyn Jewish Center to the Jewish Section of the British War Relief Society. The presentation was made by Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal to Captain Humphrey Cotton Minchin, personal assistant to Sir Gerald Campbell, director-general of British Information Services.